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## *Alumnus Van Chancellor Receives National Honor*

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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

## *On the Cover*

Alumnus Van Chancellor (Class of 1963) responds to receiving a 2005 Outstanding Alumni Award presented by the American Association of Community Colleges. The presentation was made during the annual awards ceremony held April 11 in Boston, Mass. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (third from left) nominated Chancellor for the prestigious honor. Also pictured are (from left) Henry Shannon, Chair, AACC Board of Directors and Chancellor, St. Louis Community College, MO; and George Boggs, President, American Association of Community Colleges. See story on page 31. (Photo courtesy Atlantic Photo- Boston).

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# President's Message

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a wonderful recognition of one of East Central's outstanding alumni, Coach Van Chancellor. He was honored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) at the 2005 conference in Boston.

Each year the AACC selects six outstanding alumni from around the globe. This year the outstanding alumni included an Indian chief, two CEOs, a writer, a physician, and an Olympic gold medalist; a very prestigious group. Coach Chancellor, the Olympic gold medalist, represented himself and East Central very well and had the banquet attendees in stitches with his remarks.

It is always a great occasion when East Central Community College is recognized for its long history and tradition of excellence in postsecondary education. The recognition of Coach Chancellor is just such an occasion. He is representative of so many graduates of the College who have succeeded in their chosen professions. We congratulate him and, through him, all EC alumni.

In a previous issue of the Warrior, several projects were presented to show the growth of the College. Many of those projects are now a reality or a near reality. The Memorabilia Room is ready for furnishings. The East Mall Project is half complete with the remainder scheduled for completion in May. And, the final phase of the Eddie M. Smith Student Union is scheduled for completion before the end of 2005.

These three major projects will have a major impact on the College. Students and alumni will enjoy the benefits that come with these construction projects. All projects should be complete by Homecoming in October.

However, there are challenges for the College. The mission of providing educational opportunities to our five-county district is becoming increasingly difficult as resources remain tight. Over the last five years, the College had experienced a reduction of 11% in State Funding while the number of citizens that we serve has increased. To compensate, tuition has risen from $500 to $700 and a technology fee of $2 per credit hour has been instituted.

The good news is we have been successful in insulating the effect of the challenge from the students in the classroom and in the extra-curricular programs of the College. The difficult part has been the absence of raises for the faculty and staff and the increase in tuition for the students and parents.

East Central has a tradition of a dedicated and caring faculty and staff. That has not changed. The reason that the College has continued to thrive in hard times is the quality faculty and staff at the College. We will continue to do our best with the resources that we have so that the mission of the College will be accomplished.

*Dr. Phil A. Sutphin*

There are two funds in the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc. that can help the College further its mission, the "Investors in Excellence" Annual Fund and the "Faculty Excellence Endowment." Annual Fund contributions provide dollars to meet special needs that arise for which budgeted dollars are not available while contributions to the "Faculty Excellence Endowment" provide a funding stream for staff development activities for the faculty. We invite you to send your contributions to these funds to help the College provide quality experiences to students who will make significant contributions to their communities in the future. For it is these students who, like Coach Chancellor, will be recognized for outstanding contributions in their field.

# Amis Retiring As ECCC Tech Prep Coordinator

*Sandra Amis*

After serving 31 ½ years in the field of education, Sandra Amis says it's time to do some things that she never had time to do when she was full-time employed.

Amis, who has served as East Central Community College's coordinator of Tech Prep education since joining the College staff in 1997, will have that opportunity when she retires on June 30.

Amis emphasized she is not retiring because of her responsibilities at the College, which also includes serving as an adjunct instructor.

"I'm not tired of working as Tech Prep Coordinator and a teacher. Both jobs have been the joy of my life. I started teaching my classmates when I was in the first grade and have continued teaching throughout my life. I cannot imagine my life without studying and teaching," she stated.

As Tech Prep Coordinator, [illegible] assistance to schools implementing Tech Prep into the curriculum. She also provides educational resources, teacher-training workshops, career awareness information, and professional development for administrators, teachers, counselors and career center managers. In addition, she has conducted math training and given motivational speeches for schools throughout Mississippi and at national conferences.

Her duties in the classroom include teaching intermediate algebra, college algebra, and problem solving with real numbers.

What has she liked most about her job?

"The best thing about my job has been the opportunity to form a superb working relationship with the ECCC staff as well as with the administrators, teachers and staff at local schools in our district," she stated.

Amis added that [illegible] completing her work has sometimes been a challenge.

"Most of the time I have several programs going at the same time. I laughingly tell everyone that I am 'multi-tasking,'" she said.

"But I really love my work and will miss the close camaraderie that I have shared with the staff in the Career and Technical Division as well as the many staff members and instructors on campus," she added.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Amis served 10 years as a math instructor at Lake Attendance Center.

She left teaching for five-and-a-half years to assist her husband, Robert, with their farming operation, which included cattle and eight broiler houses.

Amis later returned to Lake and taught math for 12 ½ years. She also sponsored the yearbook, Beta Club and cheerleading squad.

During her tenure at Lake, she was selected STAR Teacher eight times.

In reflecting on her career, Amis said she was inspired to enter the field of education by several of her elementary and high school teachers:

"From Mrs. Lila Brown (second grade teacher), I learned the benefits of peer teaching; from Mrs. Pittman (fifth grade teacher), I learned the worth of common dominators; and from Mrs. Lillian Horton (high school English teacher), I learned to appreciate poetry; and from Lois and Raymond McMullan (high school math teacher and counselor), I learned to value teaching as a profession."

Amis replied that had she not selected a career in education, she "would have chosen an occupation that provided help for people, such as nursing."

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When she is not "multi-tasking" at EC, Amis said she likes to work in her yard, and read and study the Bible. She also teaches Sunday school and has conducted numerous Bible study groups at her church (Reid Chapel Church of God).

Amis said leaving EC will be difficult, as the College has served a vital role in her family's life.

"As a graduate of East Central Community College, I value the education and experiences gained during my college days. Robert and I dated at East Central. We married soon after graduating and have enjoyed almost 37 years of marriage. Our three children (Alisia, Deirdre and J.O.) and their spouses also attended East Central," she stated.

Amis is also a graduate of Decatur High School and Mississippi State University, where she received a Master of Education degree. She has also completed an additional 45 hours above the master's in vocational-technical education and community college leadership.

Amis will be honored with other retirees at the College's end-of-the-year dinner in May.

# Bush Retiring As ECCC Counselor

Sylvia Bush has "mixed feelings" regarding her upcoming retirement from East Central Community College, where she has served the past three years as counselor of career-technical education following two years service as work-based learning coordinator.

"I am excited about beginning a new segment of my life but sad to be leaving the friends I have made at East Central," she stated.

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Bush, who also teaches Intermediate Algebra and Human Growth and Development as part of the College's evening class schedule, has served 33 years in the field of education.

Prior to beginning her employment at ECCC, Bush was Tech Prep Coordinator and Counselor at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. She has also worked at several secondary schools as a high school counselor and mathematics teacher.

Bush said working with students has brought her the most enjoyment.

"I love working with students. Without a doubt, we have the greatest group of students anywhere," she stated.

What's been her biggest challenge?

"Counseling sessions with students who have had excessive absences is always a challenge on the college level," she stated.

She added, "I will not miss the tears and frustrations that students have when they have not been accepted into one of our programs. That's always tough…but we try to encourage our students to look at other opportunities."

She will, however, miss her EC "family."

"I will definitely miss the people at EC – the faculty, staff, administration and students. I will especially miss getting to know the students. I always look forward to August when a new group of students begin their year at EC," she said.

Bush, who plans to work for a private consulting company after she officially retires on June 30, said she always knew a career in education would be her calling, thanks mainly to her father's influence.

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"My dad (Kenneth Horn) spent his life in the education field as a high school principal and counselor. I was impressed how he made a difference in the lives of so many students," she stated.

Had she not chosen a career in education, Bush replied, "I would have chosen something where I was providing a service or helping people."

During her spare time, she enjoys reading, walking and watching movies.

***Sylvia Bush***

A graduate of Carthage High School, Bush received an associate's degree from East Central Junior College. While attending East Central, she was a member of the women's basketball team coach by Miss Lucille Wood. She received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State College for Women, a master's degree from Mississippi State University, and completed additional graduate work at Mississippi College and Delta State University.

She has two sons, Todd Bush and Ken Bush. Todd is currently stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany and Ken is employed at a ski resort in Mammoth Mountain, California.

Among honors she has received during her career include being named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers and her selection as a STAR Teacher by the Mississippi Economic Council. She is also past president of the ECCC Administration, Faculty, Staff Association (AFSA).

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Bush, who will be honored with other retirees at the College's end-of-the-year dinner in May, expressed appreciation to her ECCC colleagues:

"I would just like to thank everyone for the opportunity to have worked at one of the best community colleges in the state. It has been a great experience for me."

# Mary Hanson To Spend Retirement Traveling, Volunteering

*Mary Hanson*

Mary Hanson, who spent 7 1/2 years as the Director of the East Central Community College Learning Skills Center, retired following the fall 2004 term.

She said in an interview prior to her retirement that traveling and volunteering would fill her time.

"I have traveled extensively in Europe, the Western Pacific, the Caribbean and Central and South America," she said. "I plan to travel more, especially in the U.S. Since I have moved to the Alabama coast, I will also be going to the beach and diving a lot. I am also volunteering to teach adults to read."

Hanson began her career in education in the Texas Public School System and later spent 25 years as the Director of the Learning Skills Center at Paris Junior College in Paris, Texas.

While at Paris Junior College, Hanson was selected as the fourth Master Teacher after the award was initiated at the College.

"The recognition was especially important to me because developmental instructors are not usually chosen for such awards," she said.

Hanson began her employment at East Central in 1997 and helped to establish the College's first Learning Skills Center. She also taught developmental reading classes this fall for students who needed to improve reading skills for college-level work.

Hanson said it was her own teachers that lead her to a career in education.

"I admired my own teachers and my instructors at Baylor and SMU (Southern Methodist University) were an inspiration," she said.

As she is nearing retirement, Hanson said she leaves with many pleasant memories.

"Having spent my life in education and the last 32 years in the community colleges, I leave with many pleasant memories. I anticipate with excitement my retirement, but there will be days when I will think about my students and fellow faculty members.

"I have enjoyed helping students meet their goals in college and I will miss the contact with students and the camaraderie with instructors.

"I have also enjoyed my seven years in Decatur because of the friendly people and small-town atmosphere."

Hanson is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, Texas. She received her bachelor's degree from Baylor University and her master's degree from Southern Methodist University. She has two sons and one grandchild.

## *Award-Winning ECCC Art Students*

East Central Community College art students Sarah Hickox (left) of Decatur and Montero Baker (center) of Columbus received honors at the Mississippi Community/Junior College Art Contest held at Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia. Hickox won honorable mention in the Painting in Mixed Media competition for her work titled, "Christmas 04 Revisited." Baker placed third in Drawing with his entry, "Paint Brush - 10-Second Gestures." Also pictured is ECCC art instructor Bruce Guraedy.

## Tucker Selected Speech/ Theater Instructor

*Stan Tucker*

After serving the past two years as adjunct speech instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, Stan Tucker has been named to the position on a full-time basis, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Tucker, who resides in Philadelphia, will also serve as theatre instructor and is responsible for directing the annual fall dinner theatre and spring musical productions at the College.

A native of Philadelphia, Tucker is a former adjunct instructor in the Speech and Theatre Department at Hinds Community College and served as instructor/director of theatre in the Communication Department at Mississippi College. His experience in theatre also includes serving as producing artistic director for a Christian theatrical touring group in Jackson.

Tucker began his career as a writer/editor/ photographer for the Simpson County News in Mendenhall.

In addition to his teaching duties at ECCC, Tucker serves as pastor of Springfield Baptist Church in Carthage.

He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in theatre and a Master of Arts degree in theatre. He is married to the former Gail Edwards of Philadelphia.

Tucker officially begins his fulltime duties at East Central on August 1.

## *Several Football Warriors Continuing Careers At Four-Year Colleges*

Several members of the 2004 East Central Community College football squad are continuing their careers at various four-year colleges and universities.

Warriors who joined other squads at mid-year include Henry Smith, a 300-pound defensive lineman from Aliceville, Ala., who signed with Texas A&M University; Kelvin Horne, a 6-2, 235-pound linebacker/fullback from Northeast Lauderdale High School in Meridian, now attending the University of Central Arkansas in Conway; Toney Edison, a 6-foot, 200-pound strong safety from Collins, now with Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La.; Darryl Mapp, a 5-9, 190-pound running back and product of Newton County High School, now with Southern Nazarene College in Bethany, Oklahoma; and Justin Ficklin, a 5-11, 220-pound fullback from Morton, Jimmy Coleman, a 6-2, 260-pound linebacker/offensive tackle from Forest and fullback Clinton Thomas of Ripley, who all transferred to Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Former ECCC standouts who received scholarships on National Signing Day February 2 or soon thereafter included defensive lineman/linebacker Mantrell Ashford (6-2, 235) and his brother, strong safety Derrell Ashford (5-10, 195), both of Louisville, who signed with the University of North Alabama as did free safety Robert McNair (6-3, 190) of Florence; wide receiver Derrick Harris (6-2, 185) of Union, Jacksonville State University; offensive lineman Derrick Cleveland (6-2, 280) of Newton County, Belhaven College; tight end Cameron Tawater (6-2, 230) of Philadelphia, defensive lineman Michael Johnson of Newton County, strong safety Cedric Gray (6', 200) and tight end/defensive end Willie Hickmon, both of Lake, who all signed with Mississippi College; and linebacker Sed Eichelberger (6-0, 230) of Noxapater, Murray State University in Kentucky.

## 2005 East Central Community College Football Signees

Numerous area football players have signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at East Central Community College.

Signees and their respective high schools include Jerry Tripplett, Carthage; Keith Spann, Clinton; Jason Qualls and Gray LaPrade, both of Forest; Ken Chathman, Hillcrest Academy; Xavier Combest and Gary Lindsey, both of Laurel; Michael Sims, Jermaine Glass, Caleb Reed and Mentral Ledbetter, all of Louisville;

Kenny Fuller, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Curtis Smith, Mendenhall; Kenyon Boatman and Kevin Marshall, both of Neshoba Central; Colby Amis, Newton County; Dedrick Bates, Desmond Graham and DeAngelo Carter, all of Noxapater;

Jeremy Holmes, Dustin Crockett, Kerry Hudson and Johnathan Pickens, all of Philadelphia; Mitch Bradford, Scott Central; Ross Tew, Stringer; Chance Parhm, South Leake; Carlos Moffett, Taylorsville; Anthony Johnson, Union; Randall Lofton, Wayne County;

Alan Stewart and TaQuan Lowe, both of Holt (Ala.); Jesse Badgewell, Paul W. Bryant (Ala.); Timothy Richardson, Hillcrest (Ala.); David McCants, Brad Petrey and Brad Sydner, all of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); and Alfred Pettway of Wilcox Central (Ala.).

## *ECCC All-State Band Members*

East Central Community College band members Claire Stinson (left) of Clarkdale and Daniel Herring of Morton were named to the Mississippi Community College Honor Band following recent auditions. They joined other outstanding community/junior bandsmen for a concert performance held at the University of Mississippi. Stinson is a clarinetist and Herring plays trumpet. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

## Clark Joins ECCC Board

Patsy Dunigan Clark of Louisville was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Clark, shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, is a retired paralegal for Fair and Mayo attorneys in Louisville, where she was employed for 25 years. A longtime supporter of ECCC, Clark is a former president of the College's Alumni Association and the Warrior Club, a support group for ECCC athletics, which she helped found. She currently serves on the ECCC Foundation Board of Directors. She was selected the College's Alumna of the Year in 1993. Clark, a graduate of Philadelphia High School and ECCC, is married to William Clark who is employed with Taylor Machine Works. Their daughter, Lisa Clark Fourtnet, serves as choral director at Ridgeland High School.

# *ECCC PN Graduates Achieve 100% Pass Rate on Licensing Exam*

All 17 graduates of the 2004 Practical Nursing Class at East Central Community College in Decatur have successfully passed the NCLEX licensing exam on their first attempt, announced Wayne Eason, dean of career-technical education at ECCC.

Eason said he is "very pleased" to recognize class members and instructors for the accomplishment.

"The PN Program is a fast-paced, one-year program requireing great determination and perseverance. To have a 100 percent pass rate on the first write speaks to the excellence of the faculty at East Central Community College and the dedication of the practical nursing students in achieving the success," Eason said.

Members of the 2004 class include Katie Burrage-Allard, Valerie Nicholson, Genna Pope and April McCurty, all of Philadelphia; Jessica Bricker, Lena; Bonnie Harrell, Keneshia Thomas, Gloria Martin and Celeste Martin, all of Carthage; Vincent McElhenney and Laura Rosar, both of Union; Anne Steptoe, Forest; Shelby Swanner, Bailey; Chris Weaver, Louisville; Ashley White, Newton; and John Johnson and Derek Wright, both of Meridian.

Lori Luke and Kathy Elliot served as class instructors.

# *Body, Ealy Named Mr., Miss ECCC*

Todd Body and Amy Ealy, both of Forest, were recently elected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College.

A psychology major, Body is the son of Shauranda Body and Ssgt. Terry J. Young of Forest.

He was selected to Who's Who Among American Community/ Junior College Students and received a National Junior College Minority Student award. He was selected Most Handsome his freshman year.

Body serves as secretary of the Warrior Corps, a group of students who assist in recruiting, and he is a member of the Concert Choir and the ECCC cheerleading squad.

Honors he has received include the Mable Moore Carr Endowed Scholarship, the Wal-Mart Scholarship and an ACT Scholarship.

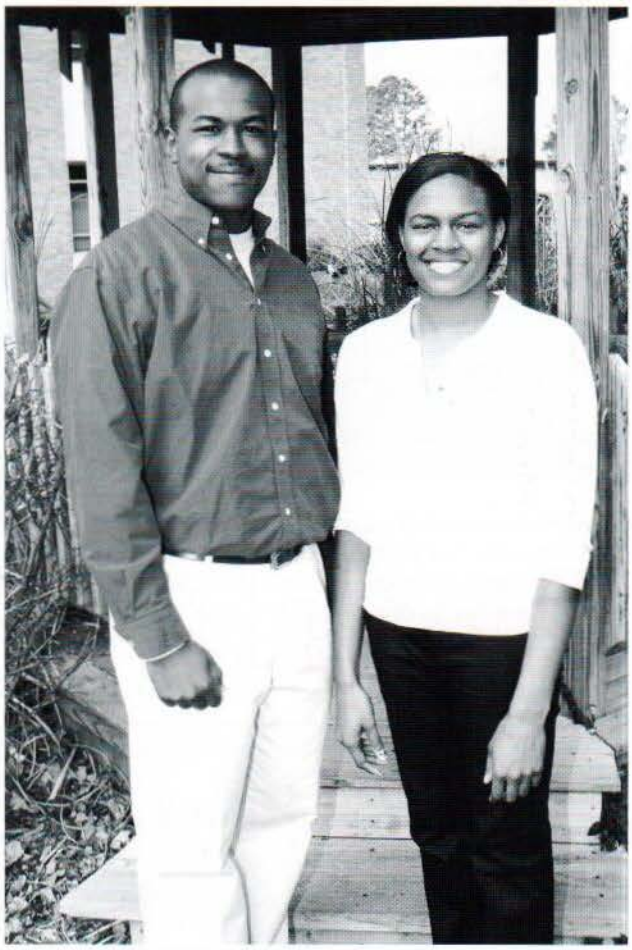
A graduate of Forest High School, Body was selected Mr. FHS and Most Handsome. He is also a National Honor Roll student and was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. In addition, he participated on the track, baseball and football teams.

Ealy, also a psychology major, is the daughter of Alexander and Willie Ealy of Forest.

A Dean's List Scholar, Ealy serves as secretary of the Student Body Association and was selected a class favorite her freshman year. She was also selected a homecoming maid her freshman and sophomore years.

She is a member of the Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, Warrior Corps, Gospel Choir, ECCC Players, Mu Alpha Theta and Phi Theta Kappa. She also participates in "The Way," a ministry team sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.

Mr. and Miss ECCC will be featured in the 2005 edition of the College yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo.



*Todd Body, Amy Ealy*

## ECCC Resolution Honors O'Neal

A resolution and plaque commemorating the service of longtime East Central Community College Board of Trustees member Silas O'Neal of Carthage was presented to family members at the February Board meeting. Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia is shown making the presentation to Mr. O'Neal's widow, Mrs. Helen McIntosh O'Neal, and their daughter, Dr. Kimsey O'Neal Cooper, both of Carthage. Mr. O'Neal served 16 years as a trustee prior to his untimely death in December 2004. Dr. Cooper was named to succeed her father on the ECCC Board.

## Cooper Joins ECCC Board

Dr. Kimsey O'Neal Cooper (center) of Carthage was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Dr. Cooper, shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, succeeds her father, the late Silas O'Neal of Carthage, who served 16 years on the Board prior to his untimely death in December 2004. Dr. Cooper serves as District Pharmacy Supervisor for Walgreens Company. She is a former basketball standout at Carthage High School and the University of Mississippi, where she received honorable mention All-American honors and was named All-Southeastern Conference for four years. She was also selected Miss Ole Miss. Dr. Cooper was recently inducted into the University of Mississippi Hall of Fame and was honored in March by the Southeastern Conference, which is recognized her as one of "SEC's Best." She is married to Jay Cooper and they have two children, Kobe, four and Jacia, two.

## La-Z-Boy Makes Donation to ECCC Soccer Program

East Central Community College soccer matches will soon be played under the lights thanks to a $10,000 donation from La-Z-Boy South in Newton. Darrel Edwards, La-Z-Boy plant manager, is shown making the presentation to ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Also pictured are (from left) Kenneth Thompson, ECCC soccer coach; Tom Keith, La-Z-Boy human resource manager; Mark Killens Warrior Club president; Chris Harris, Warrior Club member; Chris Reed, La-Z-Boy special project engineer; and Terry Underwood, ECCC athletic director/head football coach. La-Z-Boy made a similar contribution in 2004 to provide lights on the ECCC softball field.

# *ECCC Students Named To All-State Academic Team*

Two East Central Community College sophomores are among 52 Mississippi community junior students named to the 2005 All-Mississippi Academic Team, which recognizes scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's two-year colleges.

The annual program is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Faith Hessenius of Louisville was named on the First Team and Ashley Nicholson of Chunky is a Second Team selection.

Hessenius, who has a 3.8 grade point average, is majoring in architecture/drafting.

She serves as vice president of scholarship for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

She received the Shelby Harris Memorial Scholarship in 2004 and was named Outstanding Freshman member of Phi Theta Kappa. She was also selected to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

Her career goal is to become a mechanical engineer.

Her community activities include serving as chairman for the Great American Smoke-Out Project in addition to being a mentor/tutor to underprivileged children and a nursing home volunteer. She also spends time painting houses for disabled senior citizens.

As a First Team All-Academic Team selection, Hessenius received a $1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Nicholson, an elementary education major, has a 3.65 grade point average.

She is the 2004 recipient of the Myrtle R. Hutchison Scholarship, which is presented to a member of the Student Education Association who has the "potential and genuine interest" in pursuing a career in the field of elementary education at a senior college or university after graduation from ECCC.

She also received the Kappa Kappa Iota Scholarship, presented to an outstanding elementary education major.

Nicholson was also recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

She plans to be a school teacher.

The two ECCC students were honored with the other Academic Team members at the State Capitol and were guests of honor during a luncheon held at the Regency Hotel in Jackson.

In addition to statewide recognition, students named to the All-Academic Team have the opportunity to receive scholarships to continue their education at four-year colleges and universities.

"By being named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team and having earned membership in Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, many of these students will receive substantial scholarship offers to attend senior institutions in Mississippi and across the nation," said Rod A. Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa International, based in Jackson.

"Research suggests that these students' level of academic achievement at the senior college will equal, if not exceed, that earned while attending their community/junior colleges," added Risley.

*Faith Hessenius (center) of Louisville is a First Team selection on the 2005 All-Mississippi Academic Team. The East Central Community College sophomore is shown displaying the award, which includes a $1,000 scholarship. At left is ECCC English instructor Debbie Boyd of Meridian, who serves as an adviser for the College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, a sponsor of the annual program. At right is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. (Photo courtesy Hinds Community College Public Relations Office)*

*Ashley Nicholson (center) of Chunky is a Second Team selection on the 2005 All-Mississippi Academic Team. The East Central Community College sophomore is shown following the awards presentation with ECCC English instructor Debbie Boyd of Meridian, who serves as an adviser for the College's Theta Xi Chapter, of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, a sponsor of the annual program. At right is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. (Photo courtesy Hinds Community College Public Relations Office)*

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# Ovid Vickers Named 'Ageless Hero'

At age 74, retired East Central Community College English instructor Ovid Vickers continues his creative talents writing a column for four newspapers and passing on knowledge through speaking and writing.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Vickers was recently honored as a Mississippi Ageless Hero at an awards luncheon at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg. Veteran television perosnality and journalist Hugh Downs was the featured speaker.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi sponsors the Mississippi Ageless Heroes program to recognize seniors who show that life after age 65 can be a time of activity, vitality and accomplishment. Each hero is a Mississippi resident who represents achievements in one of six categories: Community Involvement, Creativity, Good Neighbor, Love of Learning, New Beginnings, and Vitality. Six heroes each are chosen from the northern, central and southern regions of Mississippi. Another six heroes represent the state as a whole.

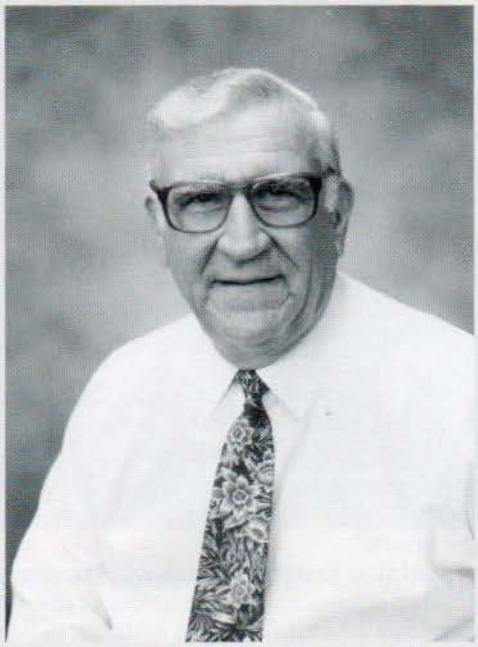
A regional honoree in the Love of Learning category, Vickers is a retired chairman of the East Central Community College English Department. He continues as an adjunct instructor.

A published poet, Vickers was one of four Mississippians to read from their work at the 2000 inauguration of Governor Ronnie Musgrove, and his short stories have appeared in national and regional magazines and journals.

Vickers is often a consultant on folklore topics and was a founding officer of the Mississippi Folklore Society.

At the invitation of the Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-Year College, Vickers presented a paper on "The Use of Folklore in English Composition." He is sought out by professional organizations as a keynote speaker, and four weekly newspapers publish his featured column in Mississippi and Georgia.

"Until I look in the mirror, I never think of myself as being old," Vickers said. "I always have a project, an engagement, or a trip to look forward to, and I continue to be involved in professional endeavors."



*Ovid Vickers*

Vickers was one of more than 300 senior citizens nominated for the eighth annual Mississippi Ageless Heroes program. Judges chose 24 noninees ranging in age from 68 to 91. The heroes include a mayor, Red Cross volunteers, extraordinaory athletes, community builders, educators, youth workers and more.

In honor of Vickers Blue Cross & Blue Shield will donate $500 to the charity of his choice.

***Academic Teams (continued from previous page)***

Students named to All-Mississippi Academic Team compete for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges, which is sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

Twenty students named to the national All-USA First Team were featured in the April 11 issue of USA Today, and each student receives a $2,500 stipend. Approximately 1,600 nominations were received for the All-USA Academic Team competition.

Mississippi ranks in the top five states in the nation having students named to the All-USA Academic First, Second and Third teams.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society administers the All-State and All USA Academic Programs from its Jackson-based headquarters. The first All-State Academic Team Program was launched in 1994 in Mississippi. This year, 32 states will sponsor All-State Academic Team programs using the All-Mississippi program as a model.

# ECCC Truck Driving Student Posts Perfect Score On Exam

Ever since he was a young child, Jerry Brantley has wanted to be a professional truck driver, following in the footsteps of his father.

Brantley not only realized his childhood dream, but did so with flying colors. The 46-year-old Forest resident is the first East Central Community College student to post a perfect score on the truck driving exam after completing the eight-week program.

Brantley, who's spent more than two decades as an electrician after graduating from the College's electricity program in 1985, was recently hired by Star Transportation in Flowood. After completing additional training with the company. he is now on his own, driving an 18-wheeler to various locations across the country.

Making a career change was a not an easy decision to make, Brantley commented, but he knew the timing was right.

"When I was younger and the kids were small, I needed to make more money so I went into the electrical field and opened my own business (Jerry's Fixit Shop). I've made a good living as an electrician but now that the kids are grown, I decided it was time to do what I wanted and pursue my childhood dream of being a professional truck driver," Brantley said.

Brantley began taking classes in November, making the approximately 65-mile round trip to the Decatur campus Monday through Friday. Classes are held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the first two weeks spent in the classroom and the remaining four weeks on the road or at the off-campus site, referred to as the "yard," located near the Newton County Livestock arena.

Although Brantley zipped through the exam with ease, he admitted the eight-week course is not easy, especially the "driving" part.

"That (driving an 18-wheeler) was the most difficult for me. There's a whole lot involved when handling an 18-wheeler and a lot you have to know. It's especially tough going through traffic. But I made it through the program, thanks mainly to my instructors (Pete Copes and Michael Reeves)," Brantley stated.

Copes serves as classroom instructor and Reeves is responsible for training at the "yard."

"They don't come any better than Mr. Copes and Mr. Reeves. I would insist that anyone who wants to go into trucking, come to East Central," Brantley stated.

Instructors were also complimentary of their prize pupil.

"I wish all our students were like Jerry," Reeves said. "He's a good listener and pays attention to detail. He will do very well as a truck driver."

Added Copes: "We've offered the program here at EC for nine years and Jerry is the only student to make a perfect score on the exam. Jerry has obviously set a record that won't be broken here; it might be tied, but never broken!"

In addition to support received from his instructors, Brantley also received encouragement from his wife, Shirley.

*Jerry Brantley (center) of Forest recently completed the eight-week truck driving program at East Central Community College by posting a perfect score on the written and driving tests. Brantley is shown receiving his truck driving certificate from program instructor Michael Reeves (left). Also pictured is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.*

"Had it not been for her pushing me, I might not have completed the program. The old saying, 'behind every good man is a good woman,' is very true in my case. She is also very proud of me," Brantley stated.

Brantley's wife is an USDA inspector for Lady Forest Farms. They have four sons, two of whom are currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and one daughter. Sammy Harris, 28, resides in Sunflower County and is in the construction business. Vincent Harris, 27, is in the Army serving his second tour of duty. Jeremy Brantley, 24, lives in Newton and works at La-Z-Boy South, Inc. Sherell Brantley, 21, is in the Navy. Their daughter, Crystal Brantley, 23, attends college in Virginia.

"My sons are also proud of me and very supportive. Their support has been very helpful, along with a lot of praying to the good Lord. Believe me, I've done a lot of praying to help me get through this course!" Brantley exclaimed.

Although truck driving will now be his main business, Brantley pointed out that he will still be doing electrical work on weekends when he has time. "And if I get tired of being on the road, I can always go back to electrical work," he stated.

But for now Brantley is focused on his new truck driving career. And when he finally completes all the required training and takes the wheel for the first time on his own, he'll probably recall the days he rode with his father, Edward Brantley, who drove for Gilco, Inc. in Forest.

"We went all over Mississippi delivering eggs and equipment," Jerry

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recalled, "and had a great time. I guess that's why I wanted to be a truck driver . . . to be like my dad."

Now that the elder Brantley is semi-retired and works part time, maybe Jerry will return the favor and have his dad join him for trips across the country.

"That would be great," Jerry replied. "Yes sir; that would really be great."

For more information about the ECCC truck driving program, contact Chris Clark, workforce development coordinator at the College's Workforce Development Center, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 245. The email address is cclark@eccc.edu.

*Jerry Brantley sits in the driver's seat of the 18-wheeler utilized at ECCC for the College's truck driving program. Brantley was hired by Star Transportation in Flowood and following a training period is now operating his own rig – a childhood dream come true!*

## Receives ECCC Engineering Scholarship

East Central Community College sophomore engineering major John Franklin (left) of Union is the 2004 recipient of The S. Lebrun Hutchison Scholarship, which is presented to a member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," who has the potential to succeed in the field of engineering or science. The scholarship, which provides $300 per semester during the recipient's sophomore year, was established by S. Lebrun Hutchison, a 1949 ECCC graduate who was the founding vice president of the College's AAE chapter. Shown with the scholarship recipient is Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services.

## Hammes Accepted for MAF Exhibit

Jill Hammes (left), adjunct art instructor at East Central Community College, recently had three works accepted for the Mississippi Art Faculty Juried Exhibition. Her mixed medium fibers-Mementomori II, Mementomori II, and Mementomori III-will be exhibited March 23 through May 29 in the Lower Level Gallery of the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel. This exhibit includes works by full-time and part-time art studio faculty at Mississippi colleges and universities. Hammes received the BFA from Mississippi University for Women and the MFA from University of Arizona. She and her husband, David, have one daughter, Sarah, and they reside in Meridian. Pictured with Hammes is Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and art instructor.

## ECCC Instructors Honored

These East Central Community College faculty members were selected to participate in the annual Lamplighters Conference, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. From left are Kenneth Thompson (developmental mathematics) of Decatur, Sherri Cantey (associate degree nursing) of Meridian, Tanya Boler (English) of Union, Martha Graham (psychology) of Decatur, Len Bobo (music) of Union and Gerald Jordan (welding) of Carthage. This year's conference was hosted by East Mississippi Community College and held in Columbus. (Photo courtesy of East Mississippi Community College)

## *Raytheon Donates to EC Program*

Students in electronic technology and electrical technology at East Central Community College are enhancing their skills in soldering thanks to a recent donation from Raytheon Systems, Inc. in Forest. Raytheon has provided 36 soldering stations, 14 work stations and three microscopes to both programs, all of which "are greatly needed and appreciated," according to Wayne Eason (seated at right), dean of career and technical education at the College's Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. Shown with some of the new equipment are (seated from left) electronic technology instructors Jim Blackburn and James Clark, Eason; (and standing from left) Raytheon representatives Barbara Bagley, operations planning and control manager and Steve Coleman, operations assembly manager.

## ECCC Class Favorites

These students were selected class favorites at East Central Community College. Pictured are (front row, from left) freshmen Sherrell Brown of Forest and Micah Lanier of Little Rock; and sophomore Keely Morgan of Walnut Grove; (second row, from left) freshmen Tiffany Willis of Philadelphia and Clancy Cleveland of Union, and sophomores Rick Lachney of Decatur and Shelly Ferguson of Hickory; and (back row, from left) freshman Kurt Nelson of Newton and sophomore Stephanie Culpepper of Forest. Not pictured are sophomores Tasha Boswell of Philadelphia, Lynlee Heely of Macon, and Shay Moncrief and Brian Sibley, both of Newton.

# Military Helps Lachney Succeed in College and Medical Field

Sergeant Rick Lachney, a member of the 1st 204th Air Defense Artillery in Newton and a sophomore at East Central Community College graduated from Newton County High School in 2001 not knowing if he had what it would take to attend college. But after enlisting in the military and completing basic training, he found he had a new motivation to give it his best try.

"When I graduated from high school, I didn't have a really great GPA," said Lachney. "It wasn't that I didn't want to go to college, I just didn't think I could. I didn't realize what I was capable of. After I finished basic training and graduated from the Army's combat medic school, it motivated me to become a nurse. So I enrolled at East Central."

His plans are to complete his associate's degree at East Central and earn his bachelor of science in nursing at MUW (Mississippi University for Women) in Columbus. He eventually wants to become a nurse anesthetist.

Lachney completed his medic training at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, where he was a member of the first 91-W graduating class.

Lachney explained that the 91-W is the army's new "healthcare specialist."

"They did away with the old medic program and added eight weeks to the curriculum, making EMT certification and two weeks of hospital clinicals mandatory," he said.

He began his education at East Central in 2002, but his unit was activated a short time later so college had to be put on hold.

"We were mobilized to provide air defense for Washington, D.C., President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, and the G8 Summit in Georgia," Lachney said. "I was the only medic activated. I was there in case anyone was injured and I also taught First Aid classes and did volunteer work at a hospital at Fort Bliss."

There was a time during his training that Lachney had to question whether or not he could work in the medical field all of his life.

"I was at Brooke Army Medical Center during clinicals and the first patient I had was a guy that had shot himself in the heart. I was only supposed to be observing, but because of circumstances, I had to give chest compressions. He died 10 seconds later. I really had to question if I wanted to do that the rest of my life. It was scary. I knew it wasn't my fault that he died. He shot himself in the heart. But I still questioned myself."

Although there was a time he questioned his calling, Lachney said he has always known he wanted a career in the medical field.

"Both of my grandmothers and my aunt are nurses. I used to go with one of my grandmothers when she worked in the Home Health field. And my other grandmother (Mary Massengale) was the school nurse at East Central for many years. I knew even as a kid that I wanted to work in the medical field. I love the curriculum," he said.

Not only did enlisting in the military help Lachney decide on a career, it also made college classes easier for him.

"A&P (Anatomy and Physiology) was kind of a breeze because we had already crammed a lot of that information in during combat medic school," he said. "And I'm sure the experience in First Aid will help during nursing school. Compared with basic training, college classes are easy. And the experiences and work ethic make it all worthwhile."

Although Lachney spent months serving his country in Washington, Texas and Georgia, there is the possibility that he could be activated again.

"There is a good possibility that I will have to go overseas at some point," he said. "They are short of medical help. But I try not to think about that. I pray a lot and know that God is in control whatever I have to do."

Besides his parents, Valerie and Blane Lachney o Tunica, La., there is at least one other person who doesn' like to think about Lachney going off to war: his wife, Dinah (the former Dinah Howell-ECCC class of 2004 The couple married during their freshman year at East Central.

"After I was activated las time, we really had to get to know each other again. She doesn't like to think about n having to go overseas, but sl supports me totally."

Military ties run deep in Lachney's family.

"Almost every man in m family joined the military a some point," Lachney said. "My grandfather was in the Navy and my dad and uncl recently spent time with the Army National Guard in Afghanistan. My mother's brother was a Marine. Ther is military service on both sides of my family."

Would he join again?

"Definitely. Being away is incredibly hard. You can understand until you have to be away from home and know there is nothing you can do about it. But my experiences have been grea And there is pride in know that you are serving your country."

*EC sophomore Sgt. Rick Lachney studies slides in the biology lab to help prepare for a career in nursing.*

# One Year Later, Fortenberry Back on the Mound

What a difference a day makes. What a difference a year makes, especially if you're John Fortenberry. January 23, 2004 was just like any other day for the East Central Community College freshman. After classes he rushed to the baseball field preparing for another practice session with his fellow Diamond Warriors.

The day ended with Fortenberry being rushed to the hospital after a line drive during a intra-squad scrimmage crushed his right eye and shattered most of the bones around it.

However, it is 2005. A year, almost to the day, after Fortenberry's dreams of a baseball career were almost shattered along with his eye, he's back on the mound doing what he loves best: Pitching.

So why would he attempt another shot on the mound after such a devastating injury? And how does losing his right eye affect his pitching?

"I've always dreamed of playing baseball. I still want to see if I can make it work. And I like to prove people wrong. So many have said that I would never play again.

"As far as my pitching, there has been no major change, except that I can't catch a pop-up fly (ball)," Fortenberry said.

Head coach Jake Yarborough was also pleased to have Fortenberry back on the mound.

"John is doing fine. He's healthy and seems happy to be back. I expect him to have a big impact on the team this year and to have time on the mound," Yarborough said.

Since that fateful January day, Fortenberry has had six surgeries and has three plates and 19 screws in the right side of his face. It is only natural that he would be a bit nervous each time he steps on the mound.

"I threw one time this summer for a semi-pro team. That was the first time since my surgery and the worst so far. My first game at East Central was this fall against Mississippi Delta (Community College). It was a little scary," he said.

Perhaps the most nervous spectator is his mother, Dawn Fortenberry.

*Although his doctors could not convince him to stay away from baseball, doctors did insist that Fortenberry wear a type of facemask used mostly by bull riders to protect his face from injury.*

"It's just God and determination that has brought him this far," she said. "The doctors tried to talk him out of playing. They said he was fortunate to have survived and even compared his injuries with those received in a head-on car collision. But he's determined and we're hoping for a better year than ever."

Although they couldn't convince him to stay away from baseball, doctors did insist that Fortenberry wear a type of facemask used mostly by bull riders to protect his face, something that eases his parents' minds.

"I'm nervous," said Dawn Fortenberry, "but the face cage does make it easier. His dad (Cookie Fortenberry) and I are proud of him and we're glad he has the guts to get back out there. He just has a true love for baseball."

Dawn Fortenberry also said she is glad to see a bill introduced in the legislature that bans aluminum bats.

"We hope that this (bill) is passed," she said. "John hopes this never happens to anyone else and we hope that no parents ever have to go through what we went through."

Whatever happens, John Fortenberry said he is just glad to be back.

"I want to do real good this year and if things go well, continue on to another level," he said.

After his next check up with doctors, Fortenberry will have a new prosthetic eye made. Although it is possible he will have to undergo additional surgery, Fortenberry is in hopes he has completed his treatments and is looking toward a bright future on the baseball diamond.

*John Fortenberry has returned the ECCC Diamond Warrior baseball team after losing his right eye during an intrasquad game last year.*

# ECCC Establishes Hummel Scholarship

*Kate Hummel*

A scholarship in memory of Martha Kate Tullos Hummel of Greenwood was recently established at East Central Community College, her alma mater.

Hummel, 65, died of respiratory failure Sept. 29, 2004, at Greenwood Leflore Hospital. A year earlier she underwent surgery for a brain tumor.

The scholarship endowment is funded by her husband, Donald; her sons, Andrew, Robert and Jeffrey; and other family members and friends.

A native of Choctaw County, Hummel graduated with honors from Louisville High School in 1956 and received the highest honor a student can receive at ECCC with her induction into the College's Hall of Fame in 1958. She also participated in the band, choir, ECJC Players and was voted a class favorite. She continued her association at ECCC by helping to organize the annual reunion of 1957-58-59 class members during Homecoming.

Hummel was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Greenwood. She also had lead roles in several Little Theater groups. In addition, she directed and sang in "Harmony," a female choral group.

Students interested in applying for The Martha Kate Tullos Hummel Scholarship must be a legal resident of the ECCC five-county district (Leake, Scott, Newton, Neshoba and Winston counties); have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale; be a full-time student starting the sophomore year; and be a music major.

The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the interest earned each year.

For more information contact the Vice President of Student Services, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375.

## *Speak to EC Student Education Association*

ECCC alumni Joyce Luke (second from left), Newton County Elementary School media specialist, and Leah Walker (third from left), Newton County Elementary School third grade teacher, spoke to members of the East Central Community College Student Education Association about the teaching profession. Also pictured are SEA members Kristen Thomas (left) of Decatur and Darlene Moore (right) of Forest. Lucille Wood serves as sponsor.

## *Receive Phi Theta Kappa Regional Awards*

Members of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College recently attended the Mississippi Louisiana Regional Convention at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit, where they received various honors and awards. Theta Xi received recognition as a five-star chapter and also received the Service Hallmark Award. In addition, chapter president Courtnee Graham (second from left) of Preston was named to the Order of the Golden Key. Pictured are (from left) advisor Debbie Boyd, chapter officers Graham, Rachel Edwards of Noxapater, Faith Hessenius of Louisville, Ginger Vance of Decatur and Dru Fulton of Louisville; and advisor Sylvia Wright. Not pictured are office Ashley Nicholson of Chunky and Shana Smith of Union.

# Sgt. Cluff: 'God Has a Mission for Me'

***ECCC Computer Network Support Instructor Gets the Call to Iraq***

***Sgt. Kelly Cluff***

United States Marine Corps sergeant Kelly Cluff of Hickory says his unit's recent deployment to Iraq "is not a negative thing;" in fact, the East Central Community College instructor said he looks forward to serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"As a Christian, I believe that God has a mission for me and my family. I do not see going to Iraq as a negative thing. I view my mission as an opportunity to experience a foreign country, new customs, a different language, the Iraqi people –especially the Iraqi children, and to bond with my fellow Marines," Cluff stated prior to his unit's deployment in early January.

"In addition," the computer network technology instructor continued, "I believe that God has a different mission for me. As a Sunday school teacher and educational instructor, what better way to experience a very different culture from ours than doing so by also serving my country? I have the chance to learn and experience something new that most people do not have the opportunity to experience."

Although Cluff views his participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a positive experience, being away from his family for possibly a year to 18 months will take its toll.

"It will be difficult for sure to be away from my family for such a long period of time. I am very blessed with the family I have. God sent three miracles to me –my wife (the former Carla Jacome) and my two daughters (Emily, 11, and Katherine, 10). I love them very much and will do anything to keep them safe. My girls, as I call them, know what I have to do and they accept that by sacrificing their own needs so Daddy can help other kids in Iraq.

"As a marine, my family and I were aware that I might have to serve our country in dangerous missions here in the United States and in foreign countries. They have known about the possibility of my being deployed since the battle and occupation of Iraq. But they also know that I'm proud to represent my country in a military branch I feel close to. Soldiers in all military branches have sacrificed their lives for the United States and for other foreign countries for the cause of freedom," Cluff stated.

He continued, "We as American people tend to forget (about the sacrifices) on a daily basis. We take it for granted that we can walk, talk and do things without having a suppressed government watching us all the time."

Cluff experienced first-hand a suppressed-type government, as he was born in Saigon, Vietnam, in 1970, during the height of the Vietnam Conflict. Cluff is obviously adamant regarding the fight for freedom. He is also a strong supporter of President Bush.

"People who criticize President Bush or any other past presidents need to understand that we, the American soldier, marine, sailor, coast guard member and airman believe in the cause for freedom. Some of us will die so we can talk, walk and eat with our family, or do anything else – including voicing our opinion- without worrying about being killed or having the feeling of fear," he said.

Cluff also responded to the negative attacks on President Bush in the media.

"I believe in what President Bush is doing. He has received a lot of negative media from major networks and newspapers especially during the election process. I feel that the media has not given him the proper respect, which he justly deserves. Even if one does not respect the person as President, you should respect the position. He is not my president, President Bush is OUR President. He represents us as one of the leaders of the free world and as a leader for the United States of America."

Cluff, who has served in the Marines for five years,

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said he joined the military for basically one reason: "To prove to myself that I can do whatever I put my mind to." He said he joined the Marine Corps because he wanted to be a part of a military branch "where I felt my experience would be most beneficial to God, my country and my family."

And another important reason Cluff chose the Marines: "Ever since I was a kid and saw a Marine in his Dress Blues, I knew it was the branch for me."

Cluff admitted he once had other aspirations, in addition to being a Marine.

"I wanted to be a movie star like Cary Grant or Steve McQueen. However, that was not the case. I really wanted to become a teacher later in life, but again things did not quite work out as expected," he said. However, Cluff stated he enjoys his role as a community college educator. In addition to teaching college students, Cluff has shared his computer knowledge with professionals at various companies, as he also has experience in the computer business in Alaska, Meridian, and most recently began his own computer consulting firm.

Cluff has just about traveled the world in his 37-years, thanks in part to his father's work as a news correspondent while serving in the Army.

"We came to America in 1970, soon after my birth in Vietnam. We lived in Virginia for five years and moved in 1975 to Anchorage, Alaska. In 1985, I moved to Tallahassee, Florida, where I was a beach bum for about three months. I basically started working because I ran out of money – go figure! I worked at a car rental place for about two years, and moved back to Alaska for family reasons," Cluff stated.

It was during his return to Anchorage when Cluff and his wife Carla, a Tucson, Arizona, native, married in 1990. That same year Cluff graduated from Alaska Computer Institute, where he learned about business office procedures and programming. Following graduation, Cluff went to work for United Parcel Service as an information system technician until 1994. He was later hired as a computer network programmer/analyst for the State of Alaska, where he was employed until 1998.

Cluff moved his family to Newton, Mississippi, in 1998, following his mother's death from brain cancer.

He soon began taking classes at ECCC, and took time off during his sophomore year to join the Marine Corps. He graduated from ECCC in 2001, and later went to work for a computer software company based in Meridian. He also worked at his family's restaurant (BoRo's in Newton) until starting his own computer consulting business (ITG Consulting) in 2003. That same year Cluff began his employment at ECCC.

As he prepared to leave for military service, Cluff thought of several things he will miss during his deployment, including: "... the chaotic noise from my loving kids when they want my attention; the quite time of talking to my wife about everything and nothing; my friends at Central United Methodist Church; the ECCC students; my work time with the ECCC family; the sounds of laughter and the 'light bulb' that goes off when a student finally gets 'it'; my computer consulting business; and my own cooking."

Although he "loves" his wife's cooking, Cluff said he also enjoys cooking for family and friends. He recently prepared fried egg rolls and other goodies for his colleagues at EC. He commented that he may write a cookbook on "Fifty Ways to Serve an MRE," because he will be eating a lot of MREs (Meals Ready Eat) in Iraq!

Although Cluff was not able to discuss details of his mission in Iraq, one can res assured knowing that he and the thousands of other men and women serving ou country are doing their best to not only provide freedon for the Iraqi people, but for the rest of the world as wel

## ECCC Instructor, Student Honored

East Central Community College social studies/history instructor Phillip Crenshaw (seated third from left) of Meridian and sophomore associate degree nursing major Jodi Partridge (seated center) of Philadelphia were among outstanding faculty members and students representing Mississippi's public and private universities and colleges who were honored by the Mississippi Legislature during the 18th annual HEADWAE Program. Also pictured with the honorees are ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (seated left), and (standing from left) State Rep. Gale Gregory of Louisville, honoree spouses Sean Partridge and Kim Crenshaw, and Rep. Scott Bounds of Philadelphia. The HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) program was established in 1988 by legislative resolution to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution of the state's public and private institutions of higher learning. (Photo courtesy Hinds Community College Public Relations Office)

# ECCC's Blaylock Knows Importance of Organ Donation

When Angela Gunn Marketing/Quality Assurance Coordinator for the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank, spoke to East Central Community College students on the importance of organ donation, music keyboard instructor Vicki Blaylock knew exactly what she was talking about.

At age 21, Blaylock was diagnosed with Keratoconus, a genetic eye condition that deteriorates the corneas in the eye. She credits her ability to see to a cornea transplant from an organ donor.

"A cornea transplant replaced what the Keratoconus had destroyed," Blaylock said. "That enabled doctors to better fit me with contacts in order to see. I wear two contacts in each eye and vision at best is 20/30. Sometimes my vision is blurry and I often stumble because my depth perception is very bad."

Before transplant surgery was available, most with the disease went blind.

Before being diagnosed, Blaylock said she had never heard of Keratoconus, nor did she realize the impact it would have on her life. Twenty years and 10 eye surgeries later, she is grateful that she can see as well as she does.

"I initially thought I could have eye surgery down the road, fix the problem and move on with my life," Blaylock said. "But that was not the case; Keratoconus consumed my life.

Blaylock encourages others to consider organ donation.

"It is likely that one or both of my children will have this genetic disease or at least carry the gene for it," she said. "Someone's willingness to donate their corneas could enable one of my family members to see.

"I realize that losing someone you love is an unbearable pain, as I also know that watching your living relatives suffer from diseases is also unbearable. Transplants of any kind can save lives and improve the health and daily living of many people."

In addition to working for the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank, Gunn also knows personally the aspects of organ donation. In her case, Gunn was the giver, not the recipient.

In 1993, Angela Gunn's seven-year-old son, Jared, lost his life in a hunting accident. His heart stopped four times, but he continued to live. Gunn said she knew there was a reason.

"Six different people have Jared's organs," Gunn said. "Organ recovery teams flew in from Tennessee, Chicago, all over the United States.

"A few weeks later, I received a letter from the Mississippi Organ Recovery Center. But it was just general information about the recipients. I wrote letters, not knowing if I would ever get to meet them. That was February of 1993.

"In May of 1993, I received a phone call. When I answered there was no response. Then I heard someone crying. A man named Harold Tucker from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was on the phone. He said he had my son's kidney.

"When I asked him how he found me, he said he used to be a bounty hunter and he had tracked me down! That was in May. In July, after many phone calls, he came to my house to meet me. Before he went home, I invited him to go to church with me. That same day, he received Christ and was baptized!"

*Angela Gunn of the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank recently spoke to East Central students on the importance of organ donation.*

Gunn said she has met four of the six people who received her son's organs and she hopes to meet the other two some day.

"A 66 year-old man received Jared's other kidney," Gunn said. "He's 79 now and still says thank you every time I talk to him. A 56-year-old woman received Jared's liver. When her family found out he was only seven, they waited a long time to tell her about her donor. But when they did, she said she already knew. She said she had seen him in her dreams and that he was a little red-headed boy. She calls him 'our' son.

"A 71-year-old woman received a cornea transplant because of Jared. She's now 88 and says she sees like she was 15 again. She had a second chance at sight."

These are only a few examples of how organ and tissue donation can help others.

Gunn said that up to 75 lives can be saved or enhanced by one person donating all of their organs and tissues.

She presented the following statistics:

As of November of 2004, 800 Mississippians needed transplants.

That same year, 60 people donated organs and 223 donated corneas in Mississippi.

Every 13 minutes a new name is added to the transplant list.

Each day, an average of 17 people die waiting for a transplant.

She also stressed the fact that signing your drivers' license does not make you a donor.

"Your family must give consent," she said. "Signing a license will help your family know your wishes, but the next of kin must give consent.

Gunn also noted that there are many misconceptions regarding donation.

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# Gallaspy's 'Dancing Dolls' Displayed at EC Library

Willie Gallaspy definitely has talent when it comes to wood working, and the East Central Community College staff member is sharing his expertise for the public to enjoy.

Gallaspy, 61, provided Burton Library with several of his hand-carved "Dancing Dolls," which were recently on display in the library foyer. The "dolls", which measure two inches tall by three inches wide, attracted a lot of attention, said ECCC head librarian Gloria Johnson.

"Mr. Gallaspy is a skilled craftsman. He pays attention to details and does an excellent job of recreating the type of building structures of a time gone by. Several of our patrons have shown an interest in purchasing his items. Mr. Willie even donated a dancing doll to the Child Care Department and one for the College's Memorabilia Room," says Johnson.

Gallaspy said he carved his first doll in 1978 for one of his sons after seeing his cousin begin working with wood.

He explained how his subject comes to "life:"

"First, I draw the subject on paper, and then I carve the shape of the body, head, and finally the legs." He said it takes about two to three weeks to create one of the "dancing dolls."

His next wood project includes a series of log cabins, outhouses, wells and horse-feeding troughs, all of which will be displayed in Burton Library later this semester.

Gallaspy obviously has a passion for working with wood.

"It's (carving) something I really enjoy doing, especially in the winter when it's too cold to be outside. I get a lot of pleasure just trimming and whittling the wood," Gallaspy stated.

In addition to wood carving, the longtime maintenance staff member spends his free time doing mechanical work, which he described as his "real" passion. He said he especially enjoys working on antique cars and trucks. He also owns several antique vehicles.

Gallaspy, a Newton County native, and his wife Clara Mae have two sons, Willie Scott Gallaspy of Newton and Rodney Dewayne Gallaspy of Newton, and two grand children, Collin Scott and Mallory Claire Gallaspy of Newton.

*Willie Gallaspy displays his 'dancing dolls' in the foyer of Burton Library.*

Gallaspy said he plans to retire in May 2005 after completing 25 years of service on the ECCC campus. And how does he plan to spend his retirement years?

"I'll be spending a lot more time doing what I enjoy doing- wood carving and working on vehicles! I can hardly wait to June 1," Gallaspy replied.

*(Article written by ECCC Public Relatios intern Diana Eggler.)*

***Organ Donation (continued from previous page)***

"There are so many concerns that donor families have," she said. "Knowing that there are needed organs across the country, some worry that the quality of medical treatment will suffer if they make their family member a donor. Everything is done to try to save someone's life and it is after all efforts cease, that the family is approached about donation. Being a donor won't affect your treatment."

She added that donor families are not required to pay anything for donation and families may choose which organs to donate. Gunn also stressed the fact that donating organs does not disfigure the body in any way.

She said, "After the recovery of organs and tissue, restoration is done to make sure the body can be viewed for open casket. They take good care of the donors and their families."

For more information on organ and tissue donation contact Gunn at 601-624-9766, the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank at 601-420-5739 or the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency at (601) 933-1000 or 1-800-690-8878.

*(Article written by ECCC Public Relatios intern Diana Eggler and Public Relations Assistant Maria McLeod.)*

## *An Easy Score!*

East Central Community College running back Joe Mingo of Homerville, Ga., crosses the goal line during the Warriors' scrimmage with East Mississippi Community College held April 14 on the Decatur campus. The Warriors' new offense was unveiled during the matchup, which basically concludes spring drills. East Central will operate from a no-huddle offense and has implemented a "more wide open attack," according to head coach Terry Underwood.

## ECCC's Chaney, Cox To Continue Careers

Two members of the East Central Community College women's basketball team have signed national letters of intent to continue their careers on the university level.

Kristin Chaney, a 5-6 point guard of Little Rock, signed with the University of Southern Mississippi Lady Golden Eagles and Kim Cox, a 5-7 guard from Lake, committed to play at the University of Tennessee at Martin during a ceremony held Tuesday in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Chaney, a second-team All-American and first team All-Region, All-State and All-Star selection, averaged 13 points, five rebounds and five assists for the Lady Warriors who finished 20-10 and finished runners-up in the Region 23 Tournament. She was also named to the All-Region Tournament Team in 2005 and 2004.

Chaney, who received second team All-American honors as a member of the Lady Warrior softball team, will also play softball at USM. She is a product of Newton County High School.

Cox, who averaged 10 points and five rebounds per contest, was also named to the MACJC All-Star squad and was selected second team All-State.

Both played key roles in leading the Lady Warriors to the Region 23 and MACJC State titles and the NJCAA Elite Eight en route to a school record 31 wins and just four losses in 2004.

The Lady Warriors are led by fourth-year head coach Brad Hodge.

## EC Announces Basketball Signees

East Central Community College welcomed new members of the women's and men's basketball teams for 2005-06 during a scholarship signing ceremony held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Joining Coach Brad Hodge's Lady Warriors are Jessica Anderson of Newton High School, Elyse Clay of Scott Central, Andrea Dubose of Newton County, Jamoya Guy of Capital High School in Baton Rouge, La.; Valerie Harris of Lake, Constance Hayes of Provine, Ashley Johnson of Sebastopol, and Kandra Johnson and Tandra Johnson, both of Lanier.

Warrior coach Bill Smith signed six new squad members, who include Lee Trebotich of Vancleave, Earnesto Green, Bryan Johnson and Odell Carter, all of Provine; Sam Walton of Lanier and Johnny Hodge of Ouachita High School in Monroe, La.

## *Diamond Warrior Signees*

Four area baseball standouts have signed national letters of intent with East Central Community College, announced Diamond Warrior head coach Jake Yarborough.

Joining the ECCC squad for 2005-06 are Josh Denson, a 6-foot, 160-pound infielder/outfielder/pitcher from Carthage; Joe Patterson, a 6-4, 215-pound pitcher/outfielder and Luke Baugh, a 6-foot, 165-pound outfielder, both of Morton; and Jordan Robinson, a 6-1, 170-pound infielder/outfielder/pitcher of Union.

## *2005 Soccer Signees*

Members of the recently organized women's soccer team and additions to the men's soccer squad for 2005 at East Central Community College have been announced by head coach Kenneth Thompson.

Lady Warrior signees include Maggie McDill and Joy Cavenaugh, both products of Newton County High School; Samantha Giambrone, Celeste Burt, Briana Stinson and Jerica Williamson, all of Neshoba Central; Heather Lewis and Danyell Taylor, both of East Central; Brittany Harper, Southeast Lauderdale; Alisia Perry, Morton; and Jaimee Jones, Nanih Waiya.

Also expected to join the Lady Warriors are LaKeisha Neely of George County, Chelsea Brown of Stone County, and Sarah Williamson and Ashley Tolbert, both of Neshoba Central.

Warrior signees include Alex Deason of Philadelphia; Jared Wabel and David Harmond, both of Stone County; P. J. Harvey, Laurel; Reid Whittington, Blakney Brown and Zachary Bullock, all of East Central; Vance Taylor, Quitman; Kale Gardner, Wayne County; Nick Shanks, Philadelphia; and Daniel Marshall, Newton County.

Also expected to join the Soccer Warriors are Richard Mann, Florence; Pablo Gomez, St. Stanislaus (originally from Madrid, Spain); Ivan Garcia, Scott Central; and Jason Murphy, Brandon.

Returning Warriors are Taylor Nichols and Micah Lanier, both of Newton County; Zach Joiner, Carthage; Jason Lopez, Forest; Daniel Warren, Clarkdale; Kyle Vowell, Austin Herrington and Zach Kilpatrick, all of Neshoba Central; and Mitch Myers, McLaurin.

# Lady Warriors Denied Consecutive Region, State Titles

It seemed only fitting following the Lady Warriors' dramatic win in the Region 23 Tournament semifinals that they would need a last-second shot in the finals to claim back-to-back titles, but Kotreece Bender's three-pointer at the buzzer was off the mark and Northwest Mississippi Community College held on for 58-55 decision in the championship contest held March 10 at Mississippi College's A. E. Wood Coliseum in Clinton.

East Central, which advanced to the title game after Kristin Chaney's three-point buzzer-beater gave the Lady Warriors a 75-74 overtime win over the state champion Mississippi Delta Community College Lady Trojans in semi-final action, finished with a 20-10 record under fourth-year head coach Brad Hodge. Chaney had also launched a successful trey sending the contest into the extra period.

Tierra Young of South Leake led EC scorers in the title matchup with 16 points. Other point makers were Bender, of Newton, who had 12 points; Roxana Rogers of Lake, nine; Kim Cox, also of Lake, eight; Chaney, a product of Newton County High School, six; and Shannon Lloyd , four.

Chaney and Neshoba Central product India Backstrom were named to the Region 23 All-Tournament Team.

The scored was tied 28-28 at halftime.

They Lady Warriors began Region 23 Tournament action by defeating Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College 75-62.

Chaney and Backstrom led EC with 16 and 15 points, respectively. Other top scorers were Lloyd, 13; Bender, 10; and Cox, nine.

The Lady Warriors held a 37-28 advantage at the break.

East Central's hopes for a consecutive state title faded when the Lady Warriors were upset by eventual state champion Mississippi Delta Community College 59-51 in semi-final action of the MACJC Tournament held March 2 at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

The Lady Warriors were led by Cox who tallied 12 points. Other top scorers were Lloyd and Bender, 11 each; and Young, nine.

East Central began state tournament competition by downing Holmes Community College 65-60. Chaney was the leading scorer with 18 points followed by Cox's 17-point effort.

*Lady Warriors India Backstrom (left) o Neshoba Central and Newton County H School product Kristin Chaney were na to the Region 23 All-Tournament Team following EC's 58-55 loss to Northwest in the title game . Chaney later received Second Team All-American honors.*

## *Softball Signees Announced*

Five area softball standouts have signed national lette of intent with East Central Community College, announ Lady Warrior softball coach Scott Hill.

Joining the ECCC squad for the 2005-06 campaign ar first baseman Samantha Giambrone of Neshoba Central outfielder Loren Kennedy and catcher Tiffany Thomas, of Union; outfielder Candace Griffin of Philadelphia; ar shortstop Amanda Schmidt of Carthage.

# ECCC Football Players Receive Post-Season Honors

Various honors were presented to members of the East Central Community College football team following the 2004 campaign.

At the top of the list is defensive standout Sed Eichelberger of Noxapater. Eichelberger, a 6-foot, 230-pound linebacker, was named All-Region 23 and first team All-State. He was also selected to the J.C. Grid Wire All-American third team. Eichelberger was the second-leading tackler for East Central, with 38 solo stops and 31 assists. Eleven of those tackles were for minus yardage. He also registered two quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and had two fumble recoveries.

Also receiving first-team All-State recognition were wide receiver Derrick Harris (6-2, 185) of Union; offensive tackle James Ozment (6-5, 360) of Eppes, Ala., and a product of Sumter Academy; defensive lineman Montrell Ashford (6-2, 235) of Louisville and defensive back Tony Edison (6', 1 Collins.

Harris had 37 receptions for 559 yards and three touchdowns. He also returned 12 kickoffs for 249 yards, 20.8-yard average. Ashford had 31 tackles, seven of whic were for losses. He also had 15 assists, three quarterback and two fumble recoveries. Edison had 39 tackles, four o which were for minus yardage. He also had 15 assists an credited with seven pass break-ups and three interceptio

Harris, Ozment, Ashford and Edison along with free Brian McNair (6-3, 210) of Florence and tight end Cam Tawater (6-2, 235) of Philadelphia were selected on the team for the annual MACJC All-Star Game held Saturd December 4 at Northeast Mississippi Community Colle

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*Football Awards*
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Booneville. The North won the game 16-6.

McNair was also one of ECCC's top defenders during the 2004 campaign, as he had 26 tackles, 10 assists, two pass break-ups, one fumble recovery and one interception. Tawater, who was mostly a blocking tight end and long snapper, had 11 receptions for 78 yards and one touchdown.

McNair and Tawater were also named honorable mention All-State along with strong safety Cedric Gray (6', 205) of Scott Central, wide receiver Chris Lark (6-2, 190) of Pickens (Ala.) County High School, wide receiver Chris Smith (5-11, 175) of Ridgeland, fullback Clinton Thomas (5-9, 220) of Ripley, defensive end Courtney Coleman (6-2, 238) of Louisville, tailback Darryl Mapp (5-8, 210) of Newton County, linebacker Derrell Ashford (5-10, 200) of Louisville, offensive tackle Derrick Cleveland (6-2, 280) of Newton County, nose guard George Maddox (6', 280) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, defensive end Greg Hathorn (6-2, 240) of Louisville, nose guard Henry Smith (6-2. 320) of Aliceville (Ala.) High School, quarterback/wide receiver Jarius Neal (6-3, 215) of Pickens (Ala.) County High School, free safety/kicker Jay McMillin (5-11, 190) of Winston Academy, offensive tackle Jimmy Coleman (6-2, 265) of Forest, offensive guard Josh Curry (6-2, 300) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, fullback Justin Ficklin (5-11, 220) of Morton, fullback Kelvin Horne (6-2, 230) of Northeast Lauderdale, cornerback Marcus Arrington (6', 185) of Heidelberg, defensive tackle Michael Johnson (5-9, 255) of Newton County, offensive guard Montero Baker (5-10, 255) of Columbus, linebacker Paul Tolbert (6-1, 215) of Clinch (Ga.) County High School, kicker/punter Ryan Gale (6-2, 210) of Oak (Ala.) Mountain High School and tight end Willie Hickmon (6-5, 215) of Lake.

East Central completed the 2004 campaign with a 4-5 overall mark. The Warriors were 2-4 in the South Division.

# EC Hires New Offensive Coordinator

*Mike Volarvich*

Mike Volarvich, recognized as one of the top offensive minds in the National Junior College Athletic Association, has been hired to run the offense at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Warrior athletic director/head football coach Terry Underwood.

Volarvich, 28, whose hiring was approved at the April meeting of the College's Board of Trustees, served the past three years as an assistant coach at Blinn College in Brenham, Texas.

He served as offensive coordinator in 2003 when the Buccaneers broke 15 school, conference, and national records while leading the NJCAA in offense averaging 52.8 points and 558.7 yards per game.

Volarvich was co-offensive coordinator in 2004 when the Buccaneers finished second in the nation, averaging 44.6 points and 469 yards per contest. Blinn completed the 2004 campaign by defeating Jones County Junior College 18-14 in the Golden Isles Bowl Classic in Brunswick, Georgia. Volarvich also coached quarterbacks and wide receivers during his tenure with the Buccaneers.

Underwood said Volarvich, who recently joined the Warrior coaching staff and is assisting during spring drills, plans to implement a "wide open attack" for the ECCC offense.

"Mike will bring a lot of multiplicity to our offense. We'll have a more open attack than we've had in the past; it will basically be a spread offense. He's planning a unique passing attack that will enable us to attack defenses with a lot of different schemes. We'll also run a no-huddle offense, which will be a new look for us. We're real excited about Mike joining our staff; he brings a lot of knowledge and enthusiasm to our football program," Underwood said.

In addition to serving as offensive coordinator, Volarvich will coach quarterbacks and wide receivers and serve as the team's academic adviser.

Volarvich is a also a former assistant at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville and served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California. He served as wide receiver coach at PRC in 2001 when the Wildcats led the nation in offense with a 460.5-yard average per contest.

A native of Boulder Creek, California, Volarvich was a standout quarterback at Cabrillo College before transferring to Kentucky State University. While at Kentucky State, Volarvich earned first team All-Conference honors after leading the conference in passing for two consecutive years. He was named most valuable player of the Pioneer Bowl in 1998.

After leaving Kentucky, Volarvich was invited to mini-camp with the Miami Dolphins and tryout camp with the San Francisco 49ers in 1999. He has participated in the Arena Football League and the German Football League.

He holds a bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, and an associate in arts degree from Cabrillo College. He has also completed coursework at Kentucky State University and Pearl River Community College.

# Edna Adams Hufford

## 'First Lady of the Pentagon' Retires to Philadelphi

*Was Member of 1935-36 State Champion Warriorette Squad*

When the East Central Community College women's basketball team was vying for its second straight Region 23 and State tournament titles earlier this year, probably no one was urging them on more than Edna Ruth Adams Hufford, who was a member of the College's first women's state championship squad in 1936.

Although the Lady Warriors were unsuccessful in their bid for a repeat championship season, Hufford was still proud of the team's success.

"They had a great year (20-10) and came close to winning another state title, just like we did in 1937," the 86-year-old Hufford reminisced as she sat in her room at Bee Hive Homes in Philadelphia, where she has resided since her retirement on July 31, 2003 after serving 58 years at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Hufford, a Leake County native who was affectionately known as the Pentagon's "First Lady" because of her long tenure, recalled fond times during her two years at East Central, especially playing basketball under coaches Marguerite Dacey her freshman year and Gladys Kirkwood during her sophomore campaign.

"I really enjoyed playing basketball at East Central. My sister (Offie Sue Adams Griffin) was a sophomore on the team when I was a freshman, which made playing even more enjoyable. She was a forward and

*Edna Adams Hufford is pictured during East Central's 2003 homecoming celebration. Her class of 1937 was among special groups honored that year. She was also a member of the 1935-36 women's basketball team, which captured the team's first state championship.*

I mostly played guard," Hufford recalled.

And who was the better player?

"I guess she was the better player, because she made all the scores. I didn't get to shoot the ball very often," she said.

Hufford does not recall many game highlights during her two years as a Warriorette, but she does remember that she simply "loved to play basketball." However, a few events still stand out during her time at EC almost 70 years ago:

"The year we won the state championship was obviously a major highlight. We defeated Wesson (Copiah-Lincoln Community College) for the state title and finished the season with an 18-1 record," she stated.

She also recalled a situation involving the team uniforms.

"The College bought us some beautiful, gold uniforms. But when it was time to have our picture taken with the state trophy, we wanted to wear our black uniforms, so that's what we did. And our uniforms were much shorter than what kids have today. Gosh, th wear their pants down to their knees; times have re changed!"

In addition to winnin state title, another highli – or maybe lowlight- dur her freshman year was w she contracted the Asiati flu. She very well remem how she got infected.

"One day while walk across campus I came in contact with a man and woman and their young who were passing throu town and wanted to knc we had a doctor on cam I told them the only doc on campus was our pres – Dr. L. O. Todd- but he not a medical doctor. I t them the only doctors I were in Meridian. They the little boy had the A flu which had been spre rapidly across the coun they were about to leav woman coughed in my and said, 'I hope you d get the flu.' Well, the n I got very sick and my went to 104! I had to st my room the entire tim was sick, and my sister was my roommate – w moved to another roor only good thing about sick was that it happer after basketball season my friends tried to ma feel better by singing s to me from outside th room, which was very was sick for about a w

During her sophon year, Hufford vividly

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traveling to rival Scooba (East Mississippi Community College) when weather conditions were not ideal.

"It snowed on us all the way to Scooba. Thank goodness we played basketball indoors, unlike playing outside which we did my freshman year and during my high school career at Freeny!"

Hufford's basketball career ended later that year when the Warriorettes fell to Goodman (Holmes Community College) 36-30 for the state title. East Central had earlier defeated Ellisville (Jones County) 55-37 and Wesson (Copiah-Lincoln) 56-51 in tournament competition after posting a 19-2-1 regular season record.

Although basketball was a big part of her life at East Central, Hufford admitted she had the most fun with her college sweetheart – Edwin Sullivan of Mize, whom she met her freshman year when he was a sophomore. One such incident involving the couple really stands out:

"I remember we went to the movies one night and came back to campus real late. We were supposed to be in our dorm rooms by 10 p.m. but we just could not get back in time. So when we finally got back to campus, we were walking around and then saw someone coming near us so we did what we had to do to keep from getting caught – we jumped in the shrubbery and hid! That person was one of the teachers and we watched him walk past us, never knowing that we were hiding in the bushes! We laughed about that many times!"

Hufford also recalled the time she got confused while mailing letters to her boyfriend and a prospective employer.

"It was during my sophomore year and Edwin had already graduated. I had written him a love letter and the same day had filled out an application for employment at a plant in Meridian. This was during the Depression and I needed a job after graduation. Well, for some reason I put the letter for Edwin in the envelope addressed to the plant, and sent Edwin my application for employment! And to make matters worse, there was a married man named Edwin working at the plant and when people at the plant read the letter, Edwin was accused of having an affair with me! But everything got straightened out, and Edwin told me that I did not need to work at the plant anyway!"

But following graduation, Hufford began a short stint as a teacher and coach at Culkin Academy in Vicksburg. It was also during this period (1945) when a civil service representative came to Vicksburg recruiting typists and secretaries to go to Washington, D.C. in support of the United States' efforts in World War II, which the U.S. had officially entered following the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1942. Hufford recalled she was taking a business course at Clark Business School in Jackson when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Hufford said it did not take long for her to make the decision to go to Washington, D. C., especially since she knew she would make more money working at the Pentagon compared to teaching school. She said she also wanted to serve her country during World War II. Hufford was joined by two of her students on the trip to Washington.

*Mrs. Hufford stands in front of a "bulletin board of memories" in her room at Bee Hive Homes in Philadelphia. Among items displayed include awards she received for 58 years of service at the Pentagon and photos of one of her passions: hula dancing!*

"We boarded the train in Vicksburg and changed trains in Meridian and were escorted by military policemen for the trip to Washington. We arrived at Union Station on March 6, 1945. We were met by a government escort in a van and driven to the Pentagon, which at that time was the largest office building in the world," she stated.

Hufford began her employment with the Department of the Army in the Training Division, where her first assignment was to train new recruits.

"I taught shorthand, spelling and handled military correspondence," she recalled.

Hufford remained with the Army as a secretary for seven years. She then transferred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff where she served about 20 years. When she left the Joint Chiefs, she worked for the Secretary of Defense in a special office that sent food and supplies to the Afghanistan people. She completed her career at the Pentagon as a tour guide.

During her almost six decades of service at the Pentagon, she was privy to top secret information, and she knew of impending war operations prior to such occurrences.

However, the conclusion of World War II caught her by surprise:

"I was heading home on a street car when all of a sudden it stopped running and I noticed that all the traffic had stopped. Someone announced the War was over and everyone started dancing and singing in the streets. A big group of Navy guys joined the celebration and started kissing all the ladies... .and I'm glad to say I got more than my share of their affection," she said smiling.

Probably no incident that occurred during the War years had more impact on Hufford than the terrorist attack on U.S. soil on September 11, 2001. She was at work when a hijacked airplane struck the fourth

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and fifth corridors at the Pentagon, where her office was located. But luckily her office was part of a renovation project and she and her fellow workers had been moved to a temporary office location not far away in Crystal City, Virginia. Tears flowed from her eyes when she recalled that fateful morning:

"We had heard about the twin towers being hit in New York, then it was announced that the Pentagon was being attacked and people started screaming and hollering....it was terrible! After the Pentagon was hit, black smoke began coming into our building and we were told to evacuate the area. I began leaving the building but ran back to the office to get my purse. When I got out of the building, everyone was gone. However, I was able to catch a ride to my apartment at the Carlyle House in Arlington, Virginia, and watched in disbelief the news about the terrorist attacks."

The day following the terrorist attack proved more costly for Hufford, who suffered a stroke, which affected the right side of her body. She has not been able to walk without assistance since that day.

Nor has she been able to perform one of her favorite pastimes: the hula dance.

"I first became interested in the hula during a vacation to Hawaii. When I got back home, I helped start a hula dance studio in Bethesda, Maryland. We formed a Hula Club, and I was a member for about 15 years and served as vice president one year. We had about 30 members in the club. I was presented a certificate from the Club when I retired and came down here. I would have loved to organize a Hawaiian Hula Club in Philadelphia like the one we had in Washington. I still have music for about 130 routines," she stated.

Hufford officially retired from the Pentagon on July 31, 2003. She was honored for her service during a reception held at Bee Hive Homes in Philadelphia on August 3 of the same year.

Since that time, she continues spending time renewing acquaintances and making new friends. She attended her 1937 cla reunion during ECCC's 2 Homecoming observance and served as "Queen Be on the Bee Hive Homes' f in the 2004 Christmas Pa held in Philadelphia on P Harbor Day.

And if possible, she pl to attend East Central's 2 homecoming activities, w are scheduled Saturday, October 15.

"I have so many wonderful memories abo East Central, and I alway enjoy visiting the campus also invite everyone to co see me at the Bee Hive," she added, and "would lo talking about the good ol days."

*Edna Ruth Adams Hufford (first person on front row) is pictured with other members of the 1935-36 ECCC State Championship Wo Basketball Team who include (continuing from left) Inez Long, Tommye Williamson, Offie Sue Adams (Edna's sister), Pearl Shumaker, Marquerite Miller and (back row, from left) Coach Marguerite Dacey, Jack Burt, Lucille Dunham, Lena Williamson, Bonita Pou and N Herrington.*

# Alumni Weddings

Ashley Addy (Class of 2004) to Robby Pierce (Class of 2002)
Susan Michelle Boatner (Class of 2000) to Ryan Joe Henry
Brandi Nicole Bounds (Class of 2002) to Thomas Campbell Keith III (Class of 1999)
Kaelyn Dachelle Burrus to Dudley James Fanguy
Debbie Lynn Clark (Class of 1995) to Jeremy Cole Grear
Aubrie Elise Cleveland (Class of 2004) to Luke Benjamin Howell
Paula Jay Crawford (Class of 1998) to Joshua Michael Robinson
Rashay Dooley to Luke Smith
Kristen Michel Dunn (Class of 2003) to Ronald Russell Parsons, Jr. (Class of 2003)
Sarah Jane Eason (Class of 2001) to Shane Wilbourne
Brandi Nicole Frazier to Jeffrey Stephen Monk (Class of 2000)
Heleena Jane Fedrick (Class of 2001) to Lance Merchant
Joni Deanne French (Class of 1998) to Todd Allen Cheney
Laura Leigh Gill (Class of 1998) to Jonathan Crowe
Vivian Joan Goss (Class of 2002) to Gregory Guy McGarrity (Class of 1993)
Gwyn Annette Guthrie to John Rogers Goodrow
Jessica Nicole Hollingsworth (Class of 2003) to Andrew Daughton Chambers
Kendra Johns (Class of 1998) to Justin Hagan (Class of 2000)
Melissa "Missy" Carol Johnson (Class of 2002) to Robert Casey Johnson (Class of 2004)
Olivia Lynn Johnson to Rayford Manning III (Class of 2002)
Amy Machelle Jones (Class of 2003) to Christopher Wayne Comans
Candi Leigh Jones (Class of 2000) to Ronnie Gallaspy Thrash, Jr. (Class of 1999)
Whitney Leanne Jones (Class of 2002) to Brandley Wayne Capps
Heather Leanne Kegley to Jared Allen Pierce
Sarah Elizabeth Lawson to Benjamin Casie Page (Class of 2002)
Ashley Erin Lepard (Class of 2004) to Jeremy Ryan Gibbs
Leah Michelle "Shelly" Lindsley (Class of 2000) to Jason Eric Ward
Latoya Loper (Class of 2003) Jamel Winters
Melissa Paige Loper (Class of 1995) to Thomas Terrell Flint
Christy Leann Madison (Class of 1996) to Todd Ashley Winstead (Class of 1996)
Jamie Kay Massey (Class of 2003) to Charles Wesley Hazelwood
Lacey Elizabeth McAdory to Justin Allen Gibbs
Candice RoseAnn McCann to Kevin Brant Peebles
Charlotte McCullough to Randy Weaver
Brandy Rose Mills (Class of 2001) to Lowell Allen Shinn
Ragan Mitchell to Brad Coggins
Crystal Gale Monk to Gerald Alvis Fountain
Heather Ashley Munn (Class of 1998) to Tyler Gordon Marks
Terry Huellen Nutt (Class of 2000) to Kyle Wade Watson (Class of 2000)
Patti Jo Rodgers to Ryan Castles Woodard
Mary Ann Oxiner (Class of 2004) to Matthew Seth Nicholson (Class of 2004)
Wendy Leigh Russell (Class of 1996) to Nathan Carol Ellis
Amanda Sanders (Class of 2005) to Jason Price (Class of 2005)
Katy Dyan Thompson (Class of 2002) to Joshua James Tillman (Class of 2002)
Keri Kaye Todd to Joshua Franklin Knost
Jacqueline Anne Veenstra to Lester Sylvester Miles III (Class of 2003)
Casey LeAnn Warren to Daniel Lee Cain
Patsy Ann Wheaton to Bunyon Lamar Blalock, Jr. (Class of 1992)
Wendy Sherelle White (Class of 1998) to Grant Preston Myers

# Alumni News Briefs

**Rodger and Amanda Nazary Ellis (Class of 2002)** announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Leigh, born August 23, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs. and 2 oz, and was 20 inches long.

**Holly Turner (Class of 2001)** received her degree in Elementary Education from the University of West Alabama. She is teaching third grade at Northeast Elementary in Meridian, Mississippi.

**Christina Wood Kelly (Class of 1992),** former morning radio show host for Q101/ WJDQ-FM in Meridian, is now hosting a morning talk show on KMYT-FM in Riverside-San Bernardino, California.

**Ken Humphries (class of '91) and Michalle Everett Humphries (class of '91)** of Bailey, MS, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Kate Humphries, on November 30, 2004 weighing in at 7 lb, 6 oz and 19 in long. She is being welcomed by big brother, Drew.

**Jennie Simmons** was recently honored at the Mississippi Business and Technology Expo Kick Off Breakfast. She was presented a finalist certificate for the 2005 Salute to Business and Industry Small Commercial and Small Industrial categories and Emerging Companies category. She was also inducted into the 2005 Who's Who in Mississippi Business for CEO of a small business. She and her husband, Chris, are owners of Simmons Erosion Control in Lake.

ECCC alumnus and former psychology instructor **Bill Lovett** was the feature of a recent Scott County Times article in which he recalled his military service. Lovett spent 27 years in the Navy flight program.

**Ira Lee Kirkpatrick (Class of 1944)** of Noxapater, a member of the 1942 ECCC football team, was the subject of a recent feature in the Winston County Journal. After many years, Kirkpatrick was able to visit with Grandon Tolstedt, M.D., of South Dakota, who he served in World War II with. Tostedt visited with Kirkpatrick in his home in Noxapater. In the 59 years since their military service, this was only the second time they have seen each other.

Sgt. First Class **Stanley Mitchell (Class of 1985)** of Louisville was recently awarded a Bronze Star for his service with the Mississippi National Guard's 112th Military Police Battalion during the unit's deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Laura Butler of Wiggins, daughter of **Larry (Class of 1961) and Sandra Hogue** of Flowood, recently received her master's degree in English from William Carey College. She holds the bachelor's degree in English and is a National Board Certified English instructor at Stone Middle School. Her husband, Tommy, is a science teacher at Stone High School.

**Gina (Class of 1993) and Jason Reynolds** announced the birth of their daughter, Emma Beth Reynolds, on September 2, 2004. She weighed 8 lbs, 8 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. The couple lives in Panama City, Fla., where Gina is a homemaker.

**Darrin (Class of 1991) and Lynda Kelly Pickett (Class of 1992)** announced the birth of their son, Brayden Lane, on April 8, 2004. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 ozs. and was 20 inches long. He is being welcomed by his brother, Noah Charlesten, 3. The family resides in Edinburg where Darrin is assistant to the district manager at Central Electric Power Association and Lynda serves as the school nurse for Leake County Schools.

ECCC alumni serving as South team assistant coaches for the Bernard Blackwell All-Star Football Game this summer include **Brad Breland** of Union, **Ed Amis** of Lake and **Brad Peterson** of Louisville .**Pete Lucovich** of Carthage will serve as North team head coach.

**Melissa Thrash Carleton (Class of 1988)** was recently named to the Mississippi Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40. A native of Decatur, Carleton currently serves as Acting Attorney General for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Newton.

**Josh (Class of 1999) and Natalie Vowell (Class of 1999) Hatcher** announce the birth of their daughter, Betsy Karson Hatcher, on December 8, 2004. She weighed 9 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Materna grandparents are E.L. anc Sylvia Vowell of Louisvil Paternal grandparents are David and Dianne Hatch of Philadelphia.

**Bethany Brantley Johnso (Class of 1991)** was recer named a partner in the Jackson law firm of Lewi Fisher, Henderson, Claxt and Mulroy. She has beer practicing law for more th eight years in Mississippi and Louisiana in the area labor relations, employm litigation, employment benefits issues, civil rights litigation and general counseling matters.

**Krisan Risher Williams (Class of 1998)** recently received her license as a Certified Public Account from the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy. She holds a Masters of Taxation from Mississippi State Univers and is employed with the Mississippi Band of Choc Indians.

**Chris and Kay Vaughn Bunty (Class of 1991)** announce the birth of the son, Ethan Matthew Bun on July 13, 2004. He wei 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 3/ inches long. The family resides in Newton Count

A golf tournament in memory of **Captain Cha E. Ward, USN, Ret., (C of 1957)** was held March 19, 2005 at Stonebrook G Club in Pace, Fla. Proce from the tournament benefited the Charles E. Ward Memorial Scholar

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at East Central Community College.

**Dottie Binkley, Class of 2001**, has accepted a position as Chairperson/Surgical Technology Instructor at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

**Gene Delcomyn** has been promoted to senior executive vice president and president of the metro region for Bank Plus. He has more tan 30 years of experience in the banking industry, including six with Bank Plus.

**Brad Peterson (Class of 1995)** was recently named head football coach/athletic director at his alma mater, Louisville High School. He previously served as head coach/athletic director at Forest High School where he led the 2004 Bearcats to an 11-1 record. **Judd Boswell**, who served two years as an assistant to Peterson, was selected to succeed him as head coach.

**Betty Gomillion** of Walnut Grove was the subject of a recent feature in the Carthaginian. Since her retirement from South Leake Elementary School, Gomillion has spent her time studying art.

ECCC alumnus and Director of Bands **Tom Carson** was the featured speaker during an appreciation banquet honoring the Choctaw Central High School Marching Band and held at the Hard Rock Beach Club.

**Jack French (Class of 1973)** was named head football coach at Starkville Academy. The 1999 MAC Coach of the Year at Forest has coached in Alabama and Mississippi with his most recent stint at Bay Minette, Ala.

**Thomas Billups (Class of 1972)** led his Lanier High School boys' basketball team to the 2005 Class 4A title and a 35-2 mark. The Bulldogs won their final 26 games and finished atop the Clarion-Ledger Super 10 boys' basketball poll. Billups has led Lanier to six state championships during his 14 seasons at the helm. He was also named Mississippi Association of Coaches boys' basketball "Coach of the Year." Billups is a native of Louisville.

**L. Ray Humphreys (Class of 1965)**, Chief Executive Officer at Delta Regional Medical Center, was named the Healthcare Executive of the Year by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

**Gene (Class of 1988) and Sherri Cliburn** announce the birth of Molly Catherrine Cliburn, born September 7, 2004. She weighed 6lb.,8oz. and was 20 in.

**W.R. "Buddy" Lindsley, Jr. (Class of 1964)** is a retired Col, Mississippi Army National Guard, presently teaching and coaching at Purvis Middle School in Purvis, MS. Mr. Lindsley resides in Hattiesburg, MS.

**Adam (Class of 2002) and Dana Foreman** announce the birth of their daughter, Katilyn Michelle Foreman. She was born September 27, 2004, weighing 7 lbs. and 10 oz.

**Brent (Class of 1996) and Christi Lee Gregory (Class of 1995)** announce the birth of their daughter, McKinley Kate. She was born on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, weighing 8 lbs. and 4 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Granddaughter of **Elon Mitchell Phillips (Class of 1951)**, Angela Allen of Clinton was chosen third alternate at the Miss Mississippi pageant in Vicksburg in June 2004. Angela is in Nursing School at Mississippi College in Clinton.

**Madeline McKay Strahan '54** and her husband, Wiley, of Meridian, MS, celebrated their 50-year anniversary on December 24, 2004. They had three daughters, Janet Strahan Harrison of Meridian; Tamra Strahan (Deceased), and Nancy Strahan Smith of McComb. They also have five grandchildren, 4 boys and 1 girl.

**Wanda Comans McCullough (Class of 1971)** of Sebastopol married J.V. McCullough of Flora on April 9, 2004. J.V. owns Jackson Bolt and Screw, and Wanda works at St. Dominic Hospital. They reside in Flora.

**Mary Comans Lyle (Class of 1949)** recently returned from China. This was Mrs. Lyles's 7th trip to China where she teaches English to adult business professionals. She is 78 years young and plans to return again this summer.

**Jeanette Thrash (Class of 1958)** was recognized recently for her many years of outstanding service to Mississippi Professional Educators. Mrs. Thrash was recognized for being an organizing member in 1978, serving as the second State President, and for continuous leadership throughout the years. She was presented an award at the annual Legislative Meeting held for Newton County faculty on staff.

**Edna Ruth Adams Hufford (Class of 1937),** a Leake County native who worked for 58 years at the Pentagon, becoming the longest tenured member of the staff, spoke to the Leake County chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their January meeting. Mrs. Hufford now resides in Philadelphia.

**Tracy (Class of 1991) and Kim Griffin Adcock (Class of 1992)** of Pearl proudly announced the birth of their son, Guyton Warner, born February 28, 2005, at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

New officers of the Newton County Historical and Genealogical Society are **Harold Graham,** president, and **Melvin Tingle**, vice president.

**Dr. Verbie Lovorn Prevost**, the Katharine Pryor Professor of English and Director of English graduate studies at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, spoke at the annual state conferenc of the Mississippi Daughters of the American Revolution in Jackson in February. Her subject was "The Role of the Natchez Trace in Mississippi History."

**April Michelle McAdory** is among the new initiates into Phi Kappa Phi academic honor society at the University of Mississippi. Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is one of the University's

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highest honors.

**Robert Clinton Faulkner** was recently presented with the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was stationed in Baghdad with the 112th Military Police when the award was presented.

The nobility of Hamasa Shrine Temple in Meridian recently elected **Noble Troy King** of Philadelphia as Potentate of Hamasa Temple for 2005.

**Shirley Skinner (Class of 1992),** member of the Dixon Development Club, was awarded the "Friend of Extension" award at the annual community development awards program held in the Neshoba County Coliseum.

The Mississippi State Senate, at its most recent session, passed a resolution to commend **Coach Van Chancellor (Class of 1963),** whose women's basketball team won the gold medal at last year's Olympics held in Athens, Greece.

**Clarence M. "Buster" McAdory (Class of 1967)** was recently selected to serve as president of Community Bank's Louisville facility.

Leake County Board of Education president **Paul Chamblee (Class of 1975)** has been selected president of the Mississippi School Boards Association.

On February 19, **Jessie Everett** attended the University of Mississippi Alumni Leadership Conference for presidents of alumni clubs. The meeting was held on the Ole Miss campus.

**Leonard Fick** is in the process of moving to Washington, D.C., where he will be employed by the U.S. Intelligence Agency with offices in the Pentagon.

**Marty McCullough**, vice president of BancorpSouth and a native of Newton, has been named 2005 president of the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce.

**Steve Cheatham** was recently named head football coach at Neshoba Central high School.

**Brad Thompson, Victor Coker, Billy Ray Walters** and **Joe Pugh** performed major roles in the Newton Theater Company's recent production of the musical "Forever Plaid."

**Fred Allen Barfoot** recently returned to his home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after an extended tour of several countries in South America.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Vickers III** announce the birth of their son, Ovid Sparks Vickers IV on August 13, 2004.

**Chas Evans** was the featured musician at the Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi annual meeting.

**Harriet Vickers Laird (Class of 1984)** recently attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations in Minneapolis. Vickers, the Southeastern Director of this national organization, accepted two first-place awards for her school, Hinds Community College.

**Graham Clarke** was recently ordained a deacon of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur.

Information and Quality Improvement of Mississippi presented a certificate of improvement to Sta-Home Health Agency. Sonja Tolbert, project leader for IQH, m ade the presentation to Sta-Home's **Theresa Buntyn** of Decatur.

**Kara Loper** is a fourth grade teacher at Pearl River Elementary School.

**Carol Vickers** was one of three featured speakers at a symposium held in March of 2005 at Mississippi State University on "The Historical Place of Quiltmaking in the Culture of Rural Mississippi."

**Melvin and Frisky Roland** were selected to serve as the grand marshals for the 2004 Christmas parade in Morton.

**Mickey Vance** will serve as the president of the Decatur Chamberof Commerce for 2005.

**Lt. Col. James T. Wood, Jr.**, son of James and Ann Wood of Louisville, retired from theUnited States Army on August 1, 2004. Lt. Col. Wood served for 20 years on active duty.

**David K. Boystun** of Louisville has been elected assistant vice president of the Peoples Bank and Trust company. He recently joined the bank's Louisville office.

**Lonnie Boyd, Keith Blalock, Larry Tucker, Wilmer James, James Gardner** and **Chester Gardner** recently attended a reunion o
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in New York. Riley
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in Jackson, Miss.

## *Alumna Opens Wellness Center*

Dr. Joanie Winstead (Class of 1996) receives assistance from Nicholas Sprayberry in performing ribbon-cutting duties for Dr. Winstead's Chiropractic Wellness Center which opened for business last fall in Carthage. Ronald B. Westbrook (fifth from left), director of East Central Community College's Small Business Development Center, played a key role in setting up the new enterprise. Also pictured are (from left) Ashley Powers, Jelinda Crawford, Britt Barnes, Dawn Barnes, Sarah Winstead, Virginia Alford, Dianne Mitchell, LouAnn Sistrunk and Hope Sanford. For more information regarding the College's Small Business Development Center, contact Westbrook at extension 297.

## *Former Warriors Reunite for Pouncey*

These former East Central Community College football players and assistant coaches were on hand during Homecoming 2004 activities to watch longtime Warrior football coach Ken Pouncey's induction into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. Seated from left are Timmy Hamil, Joe Tadlock, Coach Pouncey, Terry Thrash, Billy Mayes and former Pouncey assistant and Warrior head coach Willie "Tenny" Coats. Second row from left are Ricky Breaux, Jim Nabers, Kim Webb, Steve Breland, Dan Stevenson, Kenneth Whitaker, Steve Moorehead and former Pouncey assistant David Bradberry. Back row from left are Mark Killens, Gilbert Barham, Joe Douglas, Tim Cooper and Jim Kennemer. Coach Pouncey led the Warriors to three division titles and several winning seasons during his 15-year tenure (1967-81).

## *Howell Honored For ECCC Service*

David Howell (third from left) of Carthage was recently recognized for his nine years of service as Chairman of the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. Howell is shown receiving a plaque of appreciation from current Board Chairman George Taylor of Forest. Also pictured are ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations.

# Chancellor Receives Various Honors After Leading USA Women's Squad to Gold Meda

Honors continue to pour in for Coach Van Chancellor (ECCC Class of 1963) who led the U. S. women's basketball team to the gold medal in the 2004 Olympics held last summer in Athens, Greece.

Chancellor, whose Team USA posted a perfect 8-0 mark including a 74-63 decision over Australia to claim the gold, was named USA Basketball's "Coach of the Year" for 2004. He was also selected The Jackson Clarion-Ledger's Co-Sports Person of the Year, an honor he shared with Olympic sprinter Otis Harris of Edwards. Harris won a silver medal in the 400-meter race and was a member of the 4 x 400-meter relay team, which captured the gold.

In addition, Chancellor was honored by his hometown, as the Louisville native served as grand marshal of the 2004 Winston County Christmas Parade.

And he was one of eight new members inducted earlier this year into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony held at the Vicksburg Convention Center.

Chancellor's most recent honor is his selection as a 2005 recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award presented by the American Association of Community Colleges. The award is given annually to former students from community colleges "who are making outstanding contributions in their chosen career fields and to their communities," according to George R. Boggs, AACC President and CEO. Chancellor was nominated for the prestigious honor by ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Chancellor is one of six award recipients who were honored at the annual AACC Convention held April 11, 2005, in Boston. Dr. Sutphin also attended the ceremony.

Chancellor has a 38-0 mark in two years as Team USA coach, and owns a 161-59 record – which includes four WNBA championships - as coach of the Houston Comets. He is beginning his seventh season at Houston, where he also serves as general manager.

He also served as head coach of the 2002 USA Women's Basketball World Championship Team, and won a gold medal at the 14th FIBA World Championship held in the People's Republic of China, compiling a perfect 9-0 record. The squad was selected USA Basketball Team of the Year.

In addition, he served as head coach of the 1998 WNBA Touring Team, competing against the best teams in Brazil.

Before joining the professional ranks, Chancellor spent 19 successful seasons guiding the University of Mississippi Lady Rebels. The Ole Miss women posted a winning percentage of .740 (439-154), made 14 NCAA Tournament appearances. As a collegiate coach, Chancellor ranks 14th in all-time winning percentage among women's basketball coaches. He was selected SEC Coach of the Year on three occasions and never had a losing overall record at Ole Miss. His 1991-92 squad won the program's first SEC regular season title.

In recognition of his success at Ole Miss, Chancellor was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001 and was tapped for membership in the Ole Miss M-Club Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

***Van Chancellor***
*(Photo courtesy of Joe Ellis of the Clarion-Ledge*

Chancellor played basketball for two years at ECCC for Coach Denver Brackeen following a successful high school career at Louisville. Chancellor attributes much of his success to the education he received at ECCC.

When he was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame during the 1998 homecoming observance, Chancellor made the following remarks: "I would not be where I am today without a great East Central education – on and off the court. The faculty took a personal interest in my success in the classroom, and I learned a lot about people and coaching."

Chancellor received a bachelor's degree in math and physical education at Mississippi State University in 1965. He entered the coaching ranks during his senior year, guiding the b basketball team at Noxap High School. Chancellor later coached boys' and girls' basketball teams at Horn Lake and Harrison Central high schools. He received a master's degre physical education from t University of Mississippi 1973.

Chancellor and his wife Betty have two grow children, John and Renee and four grandsons, Nicholas, Jacob, Joseph a Zachery.

In addition to his coac duties, Chancellor works during the off season as a television color analyst fo Southeastern Conference women's basketball.

## *Carleton Presented Harris Award*

Melissa Thrash Carleton (left) is the 2005 recipient of the Shelby Harris Alumni Award, which is presented to an East Central Community College alumnus "for outstanding and continuing support of academic excellence" to the College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Martha Sibley, an ECCC staff member who serves as president of the Theta Xi Alumni Chapter, presented the award during Theta Xi's 2005 spring induction ceremony held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. The annual award honors the late Dr. Harris who, along with fellow longtime Theta Xi adviser Ann Burkes, organized and chartered the Theta Xi Alumni Association "to support and encourage the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at East Central. Carleton, a 1988 honor graduate of ECCC, Phi Theta Kappa and Hall of Fame member, serves as Acting Attorney General for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. She was recently named to the "Top 40 Under 40" in addition to receiving various other honors. She is a member of the ECCC Alumni Association, the University of Mississippi Alumni Association, and is involved in various community activities. She is married to Robert Carleton and they reside in Newton.

## *Gregory Speaks to ECCC Students*

Bart Gregory, field representative for the Mississippi State University Bulldog Club, recently spoke to East Central Community College students enrolled in Lucille Wood's physical education, sports and recreation class. Gregory discussed various occupations available in the sports field and stressed the importance of communication. "To be successful in whatever field you choose, you've got to be an effective communicator," Gregory told the students. Gregory, a Winston county native, is a 1997 ECCC graduate. At right is Miss Wood.

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# Ken Gordon Named Parent of the Year

East Central Community College alumnus Ken Gordon (Class of 1973) of Morton was recently named Scott County School District Parent of the Year for the 2004-2005 school term.

"Ken is very deserving of this honor," said Frank McCurdy, Scott County Superintendent of Education. "He puts his energies and resources into promoting the public schools at every level, academic and extra curricular."

Nick Hillman, principal at Morton High School, said, "I am very proud Ken has been chosen Parent of the Year. He gives his all to the Morton schools, and he is definitely deserving of this award."

The letter nominating Gordon for the Parent of the Year Award reads as follows:

"Morton High School would like to nominate Ken Gordon for the Parent of the Year Award. Ken is an active member in school activities, business, and the community.

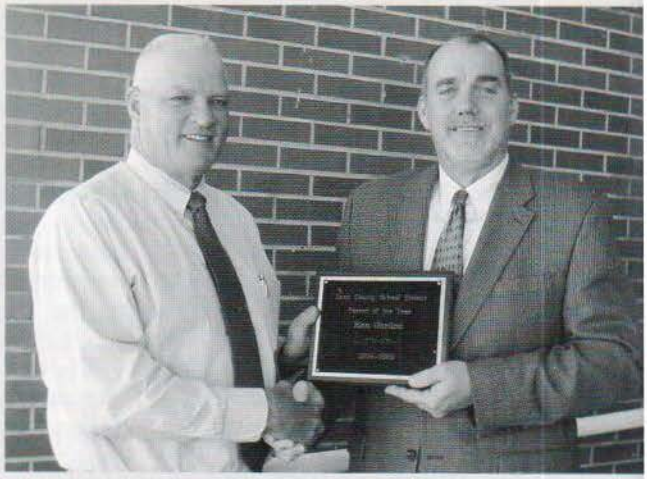
"Ken is actively involved throughout the year at Morton High School. He volunteers his time before the football, basketball, and baseball seasons to begin cleanup of the playing areas. He has also served as president of the Morton Touchdown Club from 2000-2004 and has been an active member of both the Morton Diamond Club and the Morton Hardwood Club.

"During football season, Ken helped raise funds for a special PA system for the Morton football field. Ken has organized a season kickoff supper fund-raiser for the past ten years, helped prepare and serve the pregame meals for the football teams each week, hosted a traditional Mean Thursday Night before the Morton and Forest game and provided snacks for players and coaches for all away games. Ken has also been responsible for the Morton football playbacks on the local cable television channel for the past four years.

"During basketball season, Ken volunteers his time to work in the concession stand at all home games. For baseball season, he cooks for the team for all home games, and he has also helped raise special funds for the concession stand and dugouts.

"Ken is just as active in his community. He served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 1990-1993; 1995-1998; 2000-2003; and 2005. He served as president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1997.

"Ken has also served as the Morton Christmas Parade



*Morton High School principal Nick Hillman (left) presents Ken Gordon a plaque for being named Scott County's Parent of the Year for the 20004-05 term. (Article and photo courtesy of The Spirit of Morton.)*

Chairman from 1993-2004, he is a member of the Morto Beautification Committee, he has been a Lion's Club member for 25 years, he was Special Projects Chairman from 1995 through the present, he has been the Morton Fund-raising Chairman from 1997 through the present, a he is an executive member of the Boy Scouts of America Andrew Jackson Council Troop 28.

"Ken also participates financially and by volunteering his time to the Academic Excellence Banquet that honors seniors from around the county at a banquet in Jackson a the Friends of the Library, an organization which works t get people more involved with the town library. Ken is als a very active participant in the city's parks and recreation department. He volunteers with clean up and beautificati a the city parks and has also coached and volunteered wit all age children playing baseball for the past 25 years.

"As you can see, Ken Gordon is a very active mem in both the schools and his community. He was honored by the city of Morton in 2003 for 25 years of coaching and volunteering. For all these reasons, we would like to recommend him as Parent of the Year."

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***For more information contact Stacey Hollingsworth in the Foundation and Alumni Relations Office 601-635-2111, ext. 327, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327, or email: sholling@eccc.edu.***

# *Bender Named 'Official of the Year' for East MS Assoc.*

Evelyn "Snoopy" Bender of Newton, a 1977 graduate of East Central Community College and member of the 1976-77 state champion Lady Warrior basketball team, was recently named "Official of the Year" for the East Mississippi Association of Basketball Officials. She was honored during the annual Mississippi High School Activities Association State Basketball Tournament held recently at the Jackson Coliseum.

Upon receiving the award, Bender said, "I am really appreciative of the guys (other officials in the East Mississippi Association) thinking highly enough of me to even consider me. There are guys that have been in this for 25 or 30 years that have never been selected for this honor."

The selection process begins with nominations by the membership of the association, which consists of 50 to 55 men and women.

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*"Everything at East Central was wonderful. The people, the atmosphere, everything was great."*

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"Each official is asked to name the person they think was the top official for the year," she said. "We write down names and then everyone votes."

She added, "It is a great honor for me, especially being a woman in an organization that consists mostly of men."

Bender first started officiating sports when she returned to Newton after playing professional basketball with the New York Stars.

"I started out calling Dixie Youth baseball," Bender said. "After I worked with baseball, then the people in charge said, 'Well since you've been doing baseball you might as well help with basketball.'"

It's a job she enjoyed so much that she has been doing it for 18 years, even when people sometimes fuss at her.

"People holler at you all the time," Bender said. "Sometimes it's good and sometimes it's bad. But, I tell young people you can't let that stuff get under your skin. You're supposed to be the levelheaded one out there."

And what keeps her going?

She said, "Everyone expects you to keep doing well. You don't want to go out and not be able to do a good job. A lot of times you miss stuff. But as a whole I think we make most of the calls. But the older I get, sometimes I think I want to quit!"

In addition to officiating high school basketball games, Bender has a full time job with the City of Newton Parks and Recreation Department, which oversees Esco and Wade parks in Newton. She also assists with the summer T-ball, baseball and softball programs as well as fall flag football and basketball.

When asked about her favorite memories of East Central basketball, Bender said, "The whole kit and kaboodle. They had just brought in the ruling where women could play all over the court. When they changed, I thought 'this is awesome. I'm ready for it.'

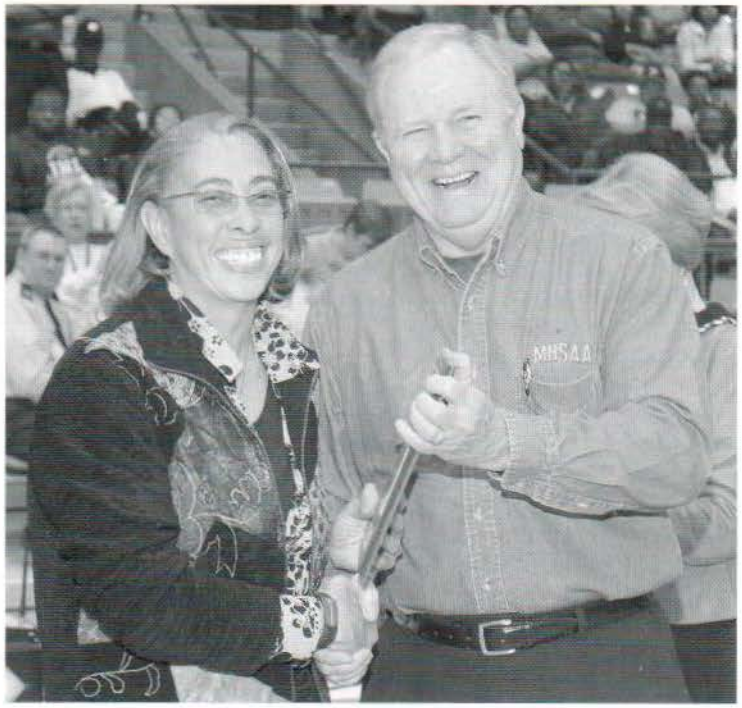
"We had also been playing with a big ball like the men and then we changed to the smaller ball like women's teams play with now. My (scoring) average immediately went up!"

When Bender played at East Central there was also no three-point line, a place where she says she made most of her shots!

"If we had had three-pointers back then I would have had a much higher average," she said.

She added, "Everything at East Central was wonderful. The people, the atmosphere, everything was great."

Bender was inducted into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992. She and her daughter, Kotreece, a sophomore on the East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball team and a member of the 2004 State and Region Championship team, reside in the Lawrence Community of Newton County.




*East Central Community College alumna Evelyn "Snoopy" Bender (left) is shown with Mississippi High School Activities Association president Enis Proctor at the MHSAA State Basketball Tournament during halftime of the Class 2A semifnal game between Newton High School and Perry Central. Bender was honored as being "Official of the Year" for the East Mississippi Association of Basketball Officials. (Photo courtesy of Robbie Robertson / The Newton Record)*

# Thrash to Retire Following 43-Year Career in Educatio

Jeanette Thrash has spent her entire career in the field of education and loved it. She said she never even considered another career choice. But at the end of the spring term she will retire as principal of Newton County Elementary School and pursue all the things she hasn't had time to do while working. But how does she feel about leaving a job that has meant so much?

"I have mixed emotions," she said. "After you've done something 43 years and it's been a major part of your life, you have to think long and hard about giving it up. But I'm looking forward to doing some different things and having more time to spend with my family and my grandchildren. I also plan to do some traveling."

Thrash said there was no particular thing that led to her decision to retire.

I don't know if there was a particular thing. I was 65 in October and it was just that time. I probably would have retired two or three years ago if Tommy (her husband of 42) years) had not died. But I needed to work. It provided me an outlet," she said.

Although she has many plans for retirement, Thrash said she is not going to commit to anything right away.

"I'm not going to commit myself to anything for a year," she said. " I understand that the day you retire, people start calling you with projects! But I'm going to see how things go before I commit to anything."

Although she's not committing to much right now, she does have a few plans already in place.

"I have a lot of things I'm going to do. I like to cook. I've never cleaned out Tommy's shop. I have a lot of papers to go through. That's going to be my first major project. I love to read. But I love to read books when I can just sit down and read the whole book. So I've saved up a collection of books to read."

Thrash is also a member of various civic clubs, which will occupy some of her time. She also plans to do some traveling and go out to lunch with her friends.

"I've always worked. There were things I would have like to have done, but it always interfered with work. So I'm looking forward to doing some of those things now," she added.

Thrash began her career as a first grade teacher at Beulah Hubbard Elementary School in 1960. Through the years she taught at Noxubee County Schools, Hickory Elementary and Boler Elementary in Decatur. She served as principal of Boler Elementary from 1986 to 1991, when the Newton County Schools consoldiated. She has been principal of Newton County Elementary School since 1991.

In her role as principal, Thrash is ultimately responsible for the entire campus of Newton County Elementary School.

She said, "I get to school around 5:30 a.m. I open up some of the buildings and handle my email and correspondence. I try to get any paper work done that I need to because after about 7 a.m. I don't get anything done in the office. After that I'm in and out meeting with teachers and children and parents.

*Jeanette Thrash said it's the children she will miss the most w she retires as principal of Newton County Elementary School at end of the spring term. She is shown with first graders (from left) Sean Dotson, Destiny Barrett, JaMario Craft and Marquavius J*

"It's much easier now because I have Mr. Danny (Lindsley, who serves as assistant principal) full time. Ricky Chaney was my assistant before, but he also had other jobs here and at the high school and was not on campus full time. So it's nice to have someone on the campus with me all day. It's wonderful. Anytime you share a load it's lighter.

"He does a lot of the discipline and this year I've tried to let him do a lot more things since he will become principal next year."

Thrash said she has enjoyed many aspects of her job, especially the children.

"I have most enjoyed my association with the child No matter how you feel c how 'down in the dumps' you may be, just spend a few minutes with them a everything looks brighter.

She said she would als miss the faculty and staff.

"We have a wonderful faculty. It is outstanding. And having a supportive superintendent and schoo board is a blessing. A lot of people aren't fortunate enough to have that," she added.

Thrash has seen many changes in education ove past four decades.

"Some changes in education I have enjoyed

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others I have not enjoyed greatly," she said. "I suppose the biggest thorn in my side has been the computer. I vowed I'd never learn to use it, but you have to. You can't operate without it anymore. Everything we do, all our reports, go in on the computer. We are hooked to the state department and that's how they check our information we submit.

"On the positive side, it has been wonderful in tracking students. I just type in their name and I know exactly who they are, where they are and what they're doing. And with 920 students it's very helpful."

Thrash can be seen on a daily basis walking around campus attending to the needs of her students and teachers.

She said, "I don't know how you can keep up with any thing if you stay in the office all the time. It's a lot more fun to be out among the students than it is to be in here."

Another thing she said has changed are families.

"Families have changed, as well as the mobility of our students. When I first started teaching if you got a new student, it was really something. I do have students who are with us all of their lives, but now I also have those that are in and out all the time and I may get a fourth grader that has been in six different schools. It's a challenge for them.

"I have some great parents, the best in the world. But I also have students that go home to things that you could not believe. And it breaks your heart. That's the hard part, because you would like to take them all home with you."

When asked about funny things that have happened

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*"I will miss the children, the feeling of belonging and the association with the faculty. So many of them are just like family."*

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over the span of her career, Thrash remembered one particular incident that wasn't as funny at the time it happened as it is now.

She said, "Some students asked me the other day about funny things that had happened. I said well it's funny now, but it wasn't funny then. When we first moved to this school, we moved in over the weekend. We got the buildings on Saturday and we started school on Monday.

"We didn't have an intercom system, we didn't have any bells, and we didn't have a cafeteria. They brought in our meals from the high school and we ate in our rooms or out on the sidewalks. We didn't know all the teachers, much less all the students. We had to track everyone on paper because we didn't have an intercom. That was before computers. It was really interesting finding a child when Momma came to get them.

"My office wasn't finished so we were in a work room and if I had to talk on the phone in private I either had to go out in the middle of the playground or go to my house and use my home phone.

"The road leading around the school wasn't paved either. At that time we unloaded all the buses where we unload the first grade now. I was out every morning helping the children as they came off the buses. This particular morning a bus came by and I helped the children off and then turned around to say something to somebody. Just as I turned back around another bus hit a puddle of water and I was solid with mud! It was dripping off my nose. It's funny now. At the time I was horrified because my dignity was just ruined! The kids thought it was very funny. I just finished unloading the buses and then went home and changed!"

Although the kids were laughing at her that particular day, Thrash said there is always something for her to smile about when children are around.

"The things they say and some of the things they do just make you smile. I always tell parents 'I won't believe everything they come to school and tell me if you won't believe everything they come home and tell you.'"

Thrash said there are many things she will miss after her retirement.

"I will miss the children, the feeling of belonging and the association with the faculty. So many of them are just like family."

She said she also doesn't know what she is going to do with the 10 or 12 hours a day that she has been spending at school, although, she said most people have told her it won't really be a problem.

Thrash is a 1957 graduate of Union High School. She attending East Central Community College from 1957 to 1958 and received the bachelor of science in education from Mississippi State University in 1960. She received the master's degree from MSU in 1975.

She is a member of Mississippi Professional Educators and the Newton County Professional Educators, where she has held various leadership roles. She serves as Legislative Chairman of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Zeta State, Xi Chapter and is a member of the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Mississippi Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Mississippi Association of School Administrators.

Thrash's community involvement includes membership in Decatur Women's Progressive Club and GFWC-Mississippi Federated Women's Clubs, Inc. She is a past member of the Mississippi Jaycettes and Decatur Jaycettes and is a former leader of Girl Scouts of America. She is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library.

She is a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the East Central Community College Alumni Association. She is a member of Decatur United Methodist Church.

Among her many honors include being named the East Central Community College Alumna of the Year in 2000, Grand Marshall of the 2002 Decatur Christmas Parade, a "Power of One" Award from The Office of the Governor in 2003 and the Mississippi Professional Educators' Distinguished Service Award in 2004.

Thrash is the widow of Thomas W. Thrash, longtime history professor at East Central Community College. She has two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Mev) Knight of Meridian and Mrs. Robert W. (Melissa) Carleton, III, of Newton, and two grandchildren, Kelsi Knight and Logan Knight, both of Meridian.

# Billy Pierce Heads Newton County Schools

*Billy Pierce*

Billy Pierce, who graduated from East Central Community College in 1968 and is now serving a third term as Newton County Superintendent of Education, readily admits that throughout his adult life he has been primarily interested in two things: public education and the military.

Since graduating form the University of Southern Mississippi with a B.S. Degree in Biology in 1972, Pierce has been associated with the Newton County School system. He taught in the Decatur High School for fifteen years, and from 1977 to 1985 he served as Assistant Principal.

In 1986, he completed a Master of Science Degree in School Administration at Mississippi State University. Continuing his interest in the military, he received a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War college in 2000.

After serving more than thirty years with the Mississippi National Guard, Pierce retired in August of 2004 and was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Retired. He entered the Mississippi Army National guard at Service battery, 4/114 Field artillery in Decatur in 1968. He then spent six years as an enlisted soldier before entering the officer candidate program at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he received his commission as a second lieutenant in 1974. During his 36 years with the National Guard, he rose to the rank of Colonel and served in a number of positions as Commander or Chief of Staff of units in Morton, Decatur, Newton, Jackson, Grenada and Laurel where he served as the Deputy Commander of the 184th Transportation Brigade.

While in military service, his decorations, awards and citations included: The Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Medal, Overseas Deployment Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the National Defense Medal. On April 8, 2005, Billy Pierce was inducted to the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia.

In 1995 Pierce, with the encouragement of many citizens, decided to run for the position of Newton County Superintendent of Education. When elected for the third term in 2003, he was unopposed.

With the aid of a dedicated faculty and an involved community, the Newton County Schools have made great strides under Pierce's leadership. Utilizing leadership skills which he indicates he acquired as a member of the FFA at Decatur High School and form his long year of military service, Pierce has seen the Newton County Schools strive for and reach a level five status, the highest ranking a school can receive in Mississippi. Enrollment in the county schools continues to grow. During the past year, approximately 100 new students have increased the enrollment to 1,850.

As Superintendent, Pierce has always stressed the need for discipline, not only in the classroom but at athletic and cultural events as well as on school campuses. When asked about the newly-instituted school wide uniform dress code, Pierce says, "This uniform policy has been most successful in that our students are dressed the same and feel good about themselves. Having a uniform dress code has relieved teachers and administrators of having to supervise the way students dress and has freed both teachers and students to spend more time on academic matters."

During the period that Pierce has served as County Superintendent, two wings have been added to the new high school building. In August 2004, a new fourteen-room addition was occupied. The addition was built at a cost of $2 million but was paid for without the necessity of borrowing money or raising taxes. A baseball field house is presently under construction and will add to the football and baseball facilities already in place.

When asked about further growth and needs, Pierce stated, "Our greatest neec at present is a multipurpo building at the high schoc middle school campus. D to our growth, we need a facility for teaching physic education as well as space instruction in the arts."

The administration and faculty of the Newtor County School System we particularly pleased when the high school was one o ten schools nationwide to recognized by ACT and th Education Trust. A study showed that the success of students at Newton Count High School was based on courses taken, teaching methods, and high standar required of students.

As County Superintendent, Pierce is responsible for the educatic of all students from kindergarten through twelf grade. He therefore works closely with Elementary Principal Jeanette Thrash and High School Principal Rodney Tadlock. His responsiblities also extend t the Newton County Career and Technical Center and the East Central Alternativ School.

In commenting on programs at the Elementar School, Pierce said, "At the elementary school, teachers have been involvec in a program that provides professional development solutions by providing teachers an opportunity to work together and to learn from each other as well as from models and current instructional practices. The elementary teachers are always focused on the

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## *Gunter Steps Down as LSU Coach; Named to Hall of Fame*

East Central Community College alumna Sue Gunter (Class of 1958) retired last spring as head coach of the Louisiana State University Lady Tigers basketball team after 24 years on the Baton Rouge campus. She retired as the third-winningest women's coach in NCAA history with 708 victories in her 44-year career. She coached in 1,016 games and collected 22 20-plus win seasons.

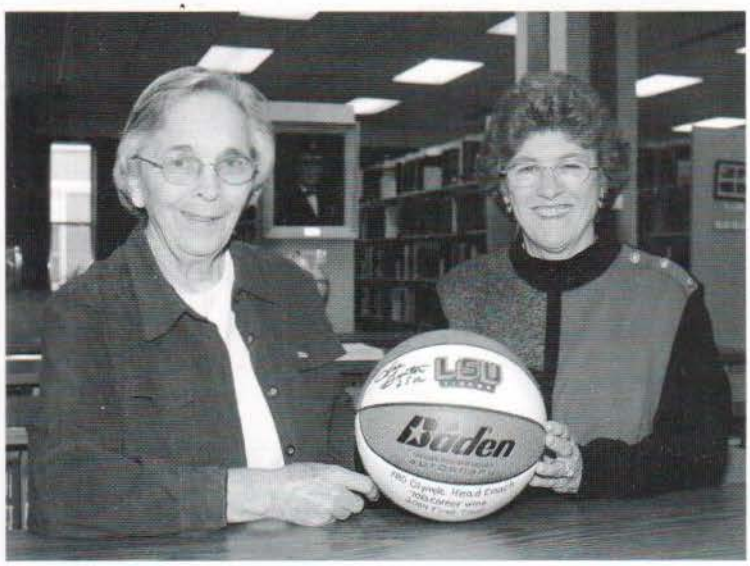
Recently she was named to the James Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame along with basketball greats Jim Calhoun of the University of Connecticut and Jim Boeheim of Syracuse University. Induction ceremonies will be held September 10 in Springfield, Mass.

During her tenure at LSU, Gunter led the Lady Tigers to eight appearances in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament, four appearances in the Elite 8 and one Final Four, which came in 2004 after she had been sidelined for health reasons.

Gunter's LSU teams won Southeastern Conference championships and she was twice named SEC Coach of the Year. In 1980, she was chosen to coach the U.S. women's team in the Olympics, but the country boycotted the games, which were played in Russia.

She has previously been inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

*Sue Gunter*




## *Presents Basketball to Memorabilia Room*

Lois Cooper (right) recently presented a basketball autographed by former Louisiana State University head women's basketball coach Sue Gunter, who is also an ECCC alumnus, to Lucille Wood (left), a member of the Memorabilia Room Project Committee at East Central Community College. Cooper and Gunter were classmates at ECCC and both played basketball for Wood. Due to health reasons, Gunter recently retired from LSU after 22 years at the helm. The basketball will be prominently displayed in the College's new Memorabilia Room, which is scheduled to be complete in October 2005.

### *Pierce (continued from previous page)*

improvement of reading and writing skills."

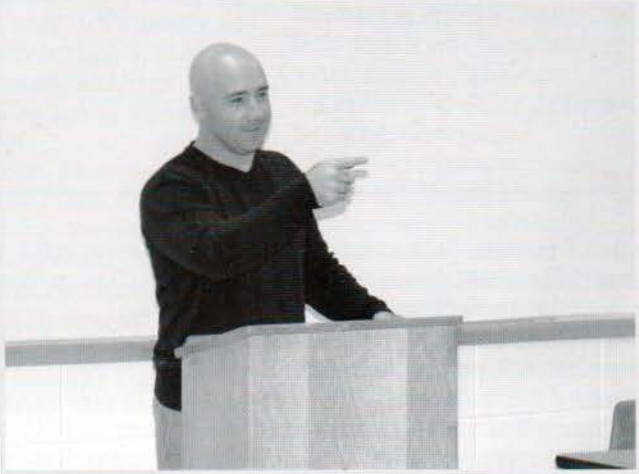
Because he believes that athletics play a vital role in the development of the total individual, Pierce has made every effort to see that Newton County students have the training and facilities necessary for athletic competition. The Newton County teams compete at the highest level, and many of the teams compete well beyond the district level.

Fine Arts programs are also made available to students in the Newton County School System. Music is taught throughout the system and an all-superior band, concert choir, and show choir compete each year in state competition.

Although Billy Pierce concluded one aspect of his career when he retired form the military, it is obvious that he continues to be enthusiastic about the Newton County School System. Pierce, whose wife Linda serves as Chair of the Communications Division at East Central, talks a great deal about the future. His priority is to meet the educational needs of the present student population and the children who will move into the system in the future.

# Making Plans for ECCC Golf Tourney

The fourth annual Warrior Golf Classic was among items discussed by the above officers and directors of the East Cent Community College Alumni Association which recently met on the Decatur campus. This year's golf tournament – a fund for ECCC scholarships- will be held Saturday, June 4 at Forest Country Club. A shotgun start at 9 a.m. officially begins the four-person scramble. Seated from left are James Vance of Meridian, out-of-district representative; Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Ann Burkes of Decatur, Newton County representative; Bill Lovett of Fores Association president; Florence Hawkins of Carthage, secretary; and Tam Cooper of Brandon, past president and out-of-di representative. Standing from left are ECCC representatives Brian Sibley of Newton, Student Body Association president; Sylvia Bush, career-technical counselor; Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, presider Joe Killens, vice president for student services; and Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant, Office of Foundation ar Alumni Relations. For more information about the Warrior Golf Classic contact Hollingsworth, Phone 635-2111 or call to free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.



## *Peterson Addresses ECCC Students*

Louisville High School head football coach Brad Petersor recently provided tips for success to students enrolled in Lucille Wood's physical education, sports and recreation class at East Central Community College. In addressing the future coaches and teachers, Peterson stressed the importanc of being able to motivate athletes as one of the main keys to achieving a winning program. Peterson, who begins his first season at Louisville this fall, guided the 2004 Forest Bearcats to an undefeated regular season en route to an 11-1 overall mark. Forest finished fifth in The Clarion-Ledger's final State Class 3A poll. Peterson is a graduate of Louisville High School, ECCC and Mississippi State University. He is frequent speaker for Miss Wood's class.

# *Recent Additions to ECCC Memorabilia Room*

Gloria Johnson, East Central Community College's head librarian, displays photos recently provided by Neshoba County native Lebrun "Sibb" Hutchison (Class of 1949) of Littleton, Colorado, for the new Memorabilia Room under construction at Burton Library. At left is a photo of Service Battery, 932nd F. A. BN, stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, in August 1948, and at right is the 1948 ECJC football team. Hutchison was a member of both groups. Members of the military unit, which included ECCC staff members and students, included Capt. Lynn D. Ferguson and Lt. Arno Vincent, both of Decatur, and First Sgt. Russell Holloman of Stonewall; Dwight Barrett, Philadelphia; Charles E. May, Lake; Larry Cooper, Union; Chester Blalock, Philadelphia; Barnell Atkins, Union; Lebrun Hutchison; Philadelphia; Jack Dempsey, Louisville; James Edward Sullivan, Sylvarena; Clyde Muse, Union; Kenneth Priester and James Moffett, both of Stonewall; Charles Gunn; Thomas H Williamson, Philadelphia; John C. Everett, Jr., Morton; Scotty Hughes, Morton; Woodley Chandler, Philadelphia; Jessie Blalock, Duffee; Morgan Hardy, Philadelphia; William "Bill" Still, Louisville; and James Bullard. Members of the 1948 football team, which posted a 6-2-2 record, included coaches Arno Vincent and Hillary Horne and team members Malcolm Phillips, Marvin Hughes, Paul Amis, William Wallace, Billy Spence, Eugene Langston, Jack Mayo, Charlie Weeks, Kenneth Carleton, Eddie Ware, Woodley Chandler George Stone, Ray Warren, Bill Allbritton, Carlton McMillan, Lebrun "Sib" Hutchison, Lou Burgett, Leon Pickard, Ray Babston, Jack Gipson, Jack Dempsey, James Kilpatrick, Eolin Burkett, John Blackstone, Tip Canady Jimmy Strange, John Meaders, Basil Drake, Tom McDonald, Lloyd Baker, Virgil Aubrey, Larry Cooper and Herman Carpenter; and trainer James Wood and manager Jesse Blalock.

## *Presents Flag to ECCC*

Fans at East Central Community College basketball games have a new American flag to salute thanks to the generosity of alumna Tammy Barham (left) of Decatur, who made the donation in honor of her father, retired Air Force Master Sergeant Gwendol Barham, also of Decatur. Mr. Barham, a former ECCC employee, is shown presenting the flag to ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. The new flag, which measures 8' x 12,' is displayed on the north wall in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building and replaces a smaller flag that hung above mid-court. Ms. Barham is a 1982 ECCC graduate.

## *Former Warriors To Observe 50th Anniversary*

. The 1954 and 1955 East Central Junior College football teams will observe their golden anniversary during the 2005 Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 15. The same group last met on campus during Homecoming 2002 an are pictured above. Those in attendance included (first row, from left) Ike Presley, Rolling Fork; Pat Mundy, Jackson; Glenn "Bipp" Miles, Crystal Springs; Tony Cannon, Ft. Myers, Florida; Larry Tuggle, Alexander City, Ala.; Charlie Ward, Pace, Marcus Gordon, Union; Thurman "Wormey" Alley, Brandon; James Crosby, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Wister Allen, Point, North Carolina; (second row, from left) Gerald Herrington, Meridian; Bryant Johnson, Kingman, Arizona; Bo Davi Gary, Indiana; Bill Martin, Lucedale; cheerleaders Lois Turner Smith of Decatur and Bobbie Jones Marshall of Clinton; C Clayton Blount, Decatur; and Johnny Mack Bogan, Newton; and (third row, from left) Charlie Hope, Sharpesburg, Georgi Mike Presley, Grand Bay, Alabama; Clinton Smith, Philadelphia; Phillip Metts, Decatur, Alabama; Robert Everett, Tooms Johnny Golden, Stone Mountain, Georgia; Keith Blalock, North Port, Alabama; Earl Marshall, Clinton; Jerry Lott, Madis Coach W. R. "Billy" Lindsley, Newton; and Lester Baucum. Those who can provide assistance in contacting their teamma should notify Stacey Hollingsworth in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations.

## 4th Annual Warrior Golf Classic

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# Another Look Homecoming 2004

East Central Community College sophomore Shelley Ferguson of Hickory receives her crown from College President Dr. Phil Sutphin. Ferguson, a graduate of Newton County High School, is the daughter of Johnny and Cheryl Ferguson of Hickory. Serving as the queen's escort is Joseph Cavenaugh of Chunky. He is the son of Sandria Neese of Chunky and the late Alton Cavenaugh. Also pictured is 2003 queen Renee Thompson of Pelahatchie, who presented this year's honoree with a bouquet of roses. Thompson is the daughter of Randy and LaDonna Thompson of Pelahatchie.

## *Homecoming Court*

Members of the 2004 East Central Community College Homecoming Court were presented Saturday, October 9, during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors 31-20 win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College. The court included (first row, from left) freshman maids Aly Burton of Decatur, Pharen Nelson of Forest, Clancy Cleveland of Union and Misty Mayes of Newton; queen Shelly Ferguson of Hickory, maid of honor Quintisa "Shay" Moncrief of Newton, and sophomore maids Lindsey Clanton of Lawrence, and Stephanie Culpepper and Amy Ealy, both of Forest; and (back row, from left) escorts Bud Loper of Rose Hill, Jacquas Jones of Forest, Grant Morris of Philadelphia, Jacob Lowery of Louisville, Joseph Cavenaugh of Chunky, Austin Bonds of Decatur, Brian Sibley of Newton and Todd Body of Forest. Not pictured is escort Lando Blaylock of Union.

# Homecoming Honorees

The East Central Community College Alumni Association presented honors to these individuals during homecoming activities. From left are Ann Hunter Burkes of Decatur, Alumna of the Year; Dr. John G. Hollingsworth of Commerce, Ga., Alumnus of the Year; Marcus Mann of Forest and Ken Pouncey of Decatur, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees; Sharon LeJeune of Meridian, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Wanda Brackeen of Hickory, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year.

## *Former ECCC Collegians Honored*

Former members of the Collegians, East Central Community College's rock-n-roll band, were among special groups honored during Homecoming activities Saturday, October 9, 2004 on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (front row, from left) Thomas W. Carson, Collegians director from 1984 to present and a charter member of the group, which began in 1973; Valeria Buggs Prince of Philadelphia, Mickey Vance and Diane Huey, both of Decatur; Bryon Whitley of Philadelphia, Andy Polizzi of Meridian and College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin; (second row, from left) Roxanna McCarty of Philadelphia, Kimberly Edmonds of Lake, Brent Warren of Conehatta, Michael Roland of Hickory, Cindy Haralson Greer of Crystal Springs, Mingo Tingle of Flowood and Clay Hammond of Decatur; and (back row, from left) Ryan Woodard, Josh Herrington and Brandi Duncan Herrington, all of Starkville; Richard Burton of Little Rock, Nathan Shaw of Pearl and Tommy Hollingsworth of Brandon.

# *Observe Golden Anniversary!*

Members of the Class of 1954 observed their 50th anniversary during Homecoming activities. Those attending reunion activities included (front row, from left) College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and class members Barbara Davidson Russell of Decatur, Polly Matthews Gordon of Union, Janell Johnson Ozborn of Decatur, Charlotte Snowden Rhodes of Meridian, Minnie D. Mitchell Fields of West Point and Madeline McKay Strahan of Meridian; (second row, from left) Ernest Thorne and Pat Thorne, both of Cantonment, Fla.; Percy Frazier of Franklinton, La.; C.J. Courtney of Dermott, Ala.; Billy Ray Fleming of Louisville, Charles Wilson of Ferriday, La.; and Gerald Walton of Oxford; and (back row, from left) Charles Horne of Clinton, Troy Henderson of Raymond, Clark Howell of Carthage, Houston Patrick of Martin, Tenn.; L.N. Rhodes, Jr., of Meridian, Malcolm Flanagan of Destin, Fla.; and Carl Mack Sullivan of Raleigh.

# *Attend Class of 1964 Reunion*

Members of the East Central Community College Class of 1964 honored during Homecoming activities included (seated, from left) Linda Comans Shaw of Mobile, Ala.; Kay Chaney Smith of Union, Susan Boggan Seale of Philadelphia, Sandy Rivers Weeks of Commerce, Texas; and Mary Margaret Parks Mallard of Enterprise; and (standing, from left) Otis Farmer of Atlanta, Ga.; Johnny Caldwell of Pearl, Henry Wilson of Meridian, John Boutwell of Clinton, Harold Aycock of Greenfield, Calif.; Bill Lea of Ridgeland, Jerald Everett of Clinton. Also pictured is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

## *Class of 1974 Reunion!*

Members of the Class of 1974 who atten Homecoming reunion activities included (fro left) College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin ar class members Cliff Stamper of Decatur, Ra Gibbs of Newton and Richard Stamper and Patti Davis, both of Decatur.

## *Observe 20-Year Reunion!*

Members of the Class of 1984 were among groups honored during Homecoming activities. Pictured are (from left) class members Cindy Haralson Greer of Crystal Springs and Diane Huey of Decatur; College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, and class members Marie Hinson of DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; and Tommy Hollingsworth of Brandon.

## *Mulholland Attends Homecoming Activities*

Dwight Mulholland (left) of Collinsville, a member of the East Central Community College Class of 1939, attended Homecoming activities. He is pictured with College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

## *Classes of 1957-'58-'59 Reunite*

Members of the East Central Community College classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 held their annual reunion during Homecoming activities. Pictured are (front row, from left) College president Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and class members Bobbie Marshall of Petal, Lois Blount Cooper and Carol Vickers, both of Decatur; Nancy Peterson Haggard of Clinton, Jeannette Beavers Thrash of Decatur and Donny Hopkins of Kosciusko; (second row, from left) Hallie Jean Blalock of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Linda Hudson of Louisville, Johnnie Ruth Bartusek of Brandon, Joann Adcock Thomas of New Albany, Polly Pearson Haynes of Demopolis, Ala.; Elsie Johnson Hollingsworth of Commerce, Ga.; Carol Pace Henry of Bakersfield, Calif.; and Aleathia Burdette of Lanett, Ala.; and (back row, from left) Keith Hudson of Louisville, Keith Blalock of Northport, Ala.; James Vance of Meridian, Bill Lovett of Forest, Dr. John Hollingsworth of Commerce, Ga.; Mickey Burdette of Lanett, Ala.; and Raymond McMullan of Madison. Dr. Hollingsworth, a retired mathematics professor and department head at the University of Georgia, was also honored as the College's Alumnus of the Year for 2004.

## *Welch Attends Homecoming Activities*

Elizabeth Barnett Welch (left) of Carthage, a member of the East Central Community College Class of 1944, attended Homecoming. She is pictured with College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

## *1937 Classmates at ECCC!*

Bill Rowzee (left) of Decatur and Elizabeth Ward Winter (center) of Jackson, both members of the East Central Community College Class of 1937, attended reunion activities. Also pictured is College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

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Dr. Esther B. Smith
Mr. Jimmy Dempsey
ECCC Board of Trustees
Farm Bureau Insurance (Decatur)
Mr. Ron Holsonback
Mr. Artie Foreman '90
Mr. Bobby R. Gaines '67
Great Southern National Bank (Decatur)
Mrs. Patty Graham '70
Mrs. Minnie Jo Milner Harris '54
Mr. Ricky Harrison '78
Mr. Robert Logan
Mr. Van A. Lucas '63
Marshall Ford Co., Inc. (Union)
Mr. Ted Marshall
Massey, Inc. (Decatur)
Mr. Jason Massey
Mike and Ada McGrevey '78
Joey and Maria McLeod '93
Newton County Animal Clinic (Newton)
Dr. and Mrs. John H. Gipson
Newton Eye Clinic, P.C.
Dr. Gil Davis
Billy '67 & Linda B. Pierce '68
Mrs. Carol Shackelford '71
Bill'60 and Sue Simkins '56
Dr. Eddie M. Smith '63
Terry and Carrie Underwood
Mr. Jack Winstead '56

**Young Brave**
Mr. Bob Douglas '67
Mrs. Sue Ford
Ms. Barbara J. Harrison
Mr. Brad Sutphin

**Papoose**
Jeff '99 and Kristi Brown
Mrs. Ola Hunter
Given in memory of H
Hunter '38
Burl '75 and Denise Johnson '74
Richard '52 and Mary Jo Harris
Mrs. Juanita West
John '55 and Sara Williams '56
Mrs. Karen Yates '87

**Other Contributions**
Miss Molly McGee
Mr. Bill Thames '51

## SCOTT COUNTY

**Chief**
Alford Realty (Forest)
Mr. Matt Alford '89
Forest Rotary Club
Mr. Shawn Sparks, President

**Super Brave**
Bank of Forest
Mr. T.E. Walker
Eady Chiropractic P.A. (Forest)
Dr. Lee Eady '93
Koch Foods of Mississipp LLC (Morton)
Mr. Mark Kaminski

**Brave**
Mr. Billy Frank Alford '6
Bank of Morton
Ms. Martha Rogers
Community Bank (Forest)
Mr. George Taylor '67
Mrs. Rebecca Farris

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## *Warrior Club Contributions 2004* (Continued From Previous Page)

Forest Lions Club
Mr. Marshall Carlton, President
Mr. Bubby Johnston
Lee & Lee, P.A. (Forest)
Mr. Noble Lee
Mr. James C. Sawyer '59
Unipres U.S.A., Inc. (Forest)
Mr. Kevin Logan

**Young Brave**
Forest Pines Properties, LLC (Forest)
Mr. John Bauer
Dr. Jimmy W. Hollingsworth '85
King Lumber Company (Forest)
Mr. Mark Gaddis
Mr. Billy R. Lovett '57
Mr. Haywood Reeves '67
Mr. Gary Risher '62
Shelter Insurance (Forest)
Mr. Bill Freeman '89
Thompson & Hollingsworth, P.A. (Forest)
Mr. Hez Hollingsworth
Dr. James E. Wright, Jr.

**Papoose**
Mr. Larry J. Bradford '70
Mrs. Elizabeth Irene J. Brown '43
Southside Mart (Forest)
Ms. Sandra Shaw
James H. '73 and Cathy C. Wright

**Other Contributions**
Ms. Beverly Rhodes '58
Mrs. Annie B. Stowers
Mrs. Reathia Summers '78

## WINSTON COUNTY

**Super Brave**
Mr. James T. "Jim" Wood '49

**Brave**
Smyth Lake Co., Inc. (Louisville)
DBA Lake Tiak-O'Khata
Ms. Carmen White

**Young Brave**
Mr. Gene Davis '70

**Papoose**
Ms. Aimee Chandler '96
Mr. James C. Crowell
Given in memory of Mrs. Kathryn Crowell '46

## OUT OF DISTRICT

**Super Chief**
Catch-22 Foundation
Mr. M.E. "Boe" Davis, Jr. '55
Dr. Joseph C. Todd '53

**Chief**
Mr. Judge Little
Earl '55 and Bobbie Marshall '57
Rush Foundation Hospital (Meridian)
Mr. Donnie Smith
Ms. Terri L. Russell '82

**Super Brave**
Mr. Thomas E. Hannah '57
Reed '94 and Yancey M. Harrington '94
Mike '83 and Kim Hawthorne
Meridian Stockyards, Inc.
Ms. Charlotte Chamblee
Mr. John Rushing '55

**Brave**
Rev. Don Acton '53
Mr. Keith Blalock '57
Mr. Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
Mr. Lewis B. Burgett '49
Mr. James L. Crosby '55
Mr. Wyatt J. Davis, Jr. '51
Mr. Chuck Dunlap '96
Ed Chaney Tire Center, Inc. (Meridian)
Mr. Edwin L. Chaney, Jr. ' 88
Mr. Stan Gilbert '73
Mrs. Sue M. Halsey '39
Mr. Troy Henderson '54
Mr. Mike Howle '72
Mr. Wilmer James '57
Mrs. Sarah S. Jenkins '48
Mr. E. B. "Bert" Jones, Jr.
Mr. James D. Lowery '56
McDonald and Hill, Inc. (Meridian)
Mr. Jerry Hill
Raymond '57 and Lois McMullan '60
Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Mr. Jimmy Culpepper
Dr. Clyde Muse '49
Mrs. Lorene Olsen '39
R & S Developers, LLC (Brandon)
Mr. Ti Garner '99
Dr. Karl Dee Smith '59
Dr. Roy J. Smith, Jr. '49
Southern Pine Electric Power Assn. (Taylorsville)
Mr. Don Jordan, Manager
Dr. Larry Tuggle '55
Valley (Jackson)
Mr. Mike Craft
Dr. Mike Waldrop '68
Ms. Mona Williams
Mr. Rudye C. Woodruff '57
Mr. Louis Wooley, Jr.
Given in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Wooley '38

**Young Brave**
Boeing Gift Matching Program (Princeton, NJ)
Mr. Parker Cannon '49
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harris '47
Mrs. Louise R. Rogers '44
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97
W. Lamar Weems, M.D. '51

**Papoose**
Mr. Brent Bailey '90
Mr. Thomas T. Chisholm '45
Mr. Thad Humphries '48
Mr. Clyde Mills '58
Mr. Pellon Morris '43
Mr. C. G. Rives '51
Mrs. Madeline McKay Strahan '54
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ward Winter '37

**Other Contributions**
Mr. James D. Lowery '56
Mrs. Patty Shelton McInnis '50

### Warrior Club 2004 Contributions by County
(January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004)

| | |
|---|---|
| EC Employee Payroll Deduction | $2,139.45 |
| Leake County | 945.00 |
| Neshoba County | 5,600.64 |
| Newton County | 9,696.50 |
| Scott County | 3,300.00 |
| Winston County | 400.00 |
| Out-of-District | 17,433.13 |
| Total | $39,514.72 |

# Warrior Club Contributions 2005

**(January 2005 – March 11, 2005)**

## LEAKE COUNTY

**Super Brave**
First Carthage Cox Insurance & Investments (Carthage)
Mr. Aubry Cox '81
Dale and Evon Joiner

**Brave**
Mr. Ide B. Dickens, Jr. '40
Wilcher Auto Sales (Carthage)
Mr. Karl Wilcher

**Young Brave**
Dr. and Mrs. H. C. McMillin '50
Mrs. Gloria McRae '69

**Papoose**
Mrs. Lafaye Newsom Culpepper '52
David '69 and Brenda Howell '68
Stan '75 and Donnie B. McGivney '75
Mr. Cline Watkins '63

## NESHOBA COUNTY

**Chief**
MS Band of Choctaw Indians (Choctaw)
Chief Phillip Martin

**Brave**
Mr. Jerome Hardy '57
Mr. Sam Nowell '69
Mrs. Maudean Sanders '70

**Young Brave**
Mr. Bob Posey '82

**Papoose**
Mr. C. V. Mitchell '41

## NEWTON COUNTY

**Super Chief**
LA-Z-BOY, SOUTH (Newton)
Mr. Darrell Edwards, General Manager

**Chief**
Mr. Chris Harris '76
Chad '92 & Dr. Nicole F. Harrison '92

**Super Brave**
Mr. Brad Hodge
Phil A. Sutphin, Ed.D.
Mr. Roger Whitlock

**Brave**
Charles '75 and Debbie Boggan '76
Mrs. Tanya Boler
Mr. Mike Dearing '67
Farm Bureau Insurance (Decatur)
Mr. Ron Holsonback
Mr. Artie Foreman '90
Mr. Jo M. Harris '54
Mr. Ricky Harrison '78
Mr. Van A. Lucas, Sr. '63
Marshall Ford Co., Inc. (Union)
Mr. Ted Marshall
Mike and Ada McGrevey '78
Billy '67 & Linda B. Pierce '68
Mrs. Carol Shackelford '71
Bill '60 and Sue Simkins '56
Dr. Eddie M. Smith '63
Robert A. '70 and Wanda Strebeck '71

**Young Brave**
Bobby and Pat Addy
Mr. Jeff Breland '88
Mr. Bob Douglas '67
Mrs. Sue Ford
Ms. Barbara J. Harrison '76
Newton Eye Clinic, P.C.
Dr. Gil Davis

**Papoose**
Mr. Rusty Barnett '67
Mr. Billy L. Crowther
Mr. Bobby R. Gaines '67
Mr. Richard Harris '52
Burl '75 and Denise Johnson '74
Mr. John C. Williams '55
Mrs. Karen Yates '87

## SCOTT COUNTY

**Brave**
Bank of Morton
Ms. Martha Rogers
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Farris
Mr. Gary Risher '62
Mrs. Rita J. Waggoner '61

**Young Brave**
Mr. Billy R. Lovett '57

**Papoose**
Mrs. Elizabeth Irene J. Brown '43

## WINSTON COUNT

**Super Brave**
Tony and Sue Stanford
Mr. James T. "Jim" Wood '49

**Young Brave**
Mr. Gene Davis '70
Clay and Bess Ann Jones

## OUT-OF-DISTRICT

**Super Chief**
Mr. M.E. "Boe" Davis, Jr.

**Super Brave**
Mr. Terry Beckham '70
Mr. Thomas E. Hannah '5
Mr. Max Huey '64
Mr. John Rushing '54
Valley Services, Inc. (Jackson)
Mr. Jim Walt

**Brave**
Lester '57 and Eugenia C. Baucum '57
Mr. Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
Mr. Wyatt J. Davis, Jr. '51
Mr. Wilmer J. James '57
Mrs. Sarah Suffling Jenkins '48
Mrs. Betty Garvin LeBlanc '62
Dr. Clyde Muse '49
Brian '98 and Stephanie Taylor Shaw '97
Mr. W. A. Vincent '37

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### Warrior Club 2005 Contributions by County

(January 1, 2005 to March 11, 2005)

| | |
|---|---|
| EC Employee Payroll Deduction | $ 663.60 |
| Leake County | 725.00 |
| Neshoba County | 1,035.00 |
| Newton County | 11,766.00 |
| Scott County | 475.00 |
| Winston County | 550.00 |
| Out-of-District | 5,741.81 |
| Total | $20,956.41 |

## *Warrior Club Contributions 2005*
**(Continued from Previous Page)**

Mrs. Ruth Warren Wilson '53
Mr. Rudye C. Woodruff '57

**Young Brave**
Mr. Parker B. Cannon '49
Mrs. Sara Cagle Crawford '49
Mr. Stan Gilbert '73
Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Mr. Jimmy Culpepper
Dr. Gerald Walton '54

**Papoose**
Mr. Brent Bailey '90
Mrs. Jean McMahan Easom '61
Mr. Mike Howle '72
Mr. Kyle James '02
Wallace '51 and Edith Wall

# JOIN THE WARRIOR CLUB

Membership runs from January 1 through December 31 each year.

Warrior Club Levels

$1,000 or more ..... Super Chief

$500 ..... Chief

$250..... Super Brave

$100 ..... Brave

$50 ..... Young Brave

$25 ..... Papoose

## Alumni Association Dues
*(July 1, 2004 to March 11, 2005)*

| | |
|---|---|
| Leake County | $470.00 |
| Neshoba County | 880.00 |
| Newton County | 2,308.25 |
| Scott County | 465.00 |
| Winston County | 230.00 |
| Out-of-District | 4,810.00 |
| FY 2005 Total | $9,163.25 |

## Support ECCC Through the Warrior Club

First organized in 1989 for the support of athletics, the Warrior Club has raised over $385,000 in cash and in-kind contributions to help keep Warrior and Lady Warrior athletic teams competitive. For calendar year 2004, the Warrior Club raised $39,514.72

Athletic programs at EC have made much progress; however, improvements in facilities and athletic materials & supplies are still needed.

For more information on how you can become a member of the Warrior Club, contact the ECCC Foundation toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 or call 601-635-6327 or email us at sholling@eccc.edu. Your gift to the Warrior Club is tax-deductible when made to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc.

# ECCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

**Fiscal Year 2005 (July 2004 – March 11, 2005)**

## LEAKE COUNTY

### ANNUAL DUES

Mr. Gilbert Barham '74
Mr. Chris Bilbro '64
Mrs. Judy P. Brooks '66
Mr. Marcus D. Ellis, Jr. '99
Mr. Clark Howell '54
Mrs. Lisa Jenkins '81
Mr. Ray McGee '47
Mr. Billy K. McPhail '53
Keith '75 and Lurline McKee Neal '75
Mrs. Paige Warren Sessums '91
Mrs. Elizabeth Slay '70
Mr. Cline Watkins '63
Mrs. Estelle B. Wilcox '40

### LIFETIME DUES

Mr. Ray Britt '66
William G. Lindsay, D.D.S.
Mr. Kim K. Wolverton '80

### UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Ide B. Dickens, Jr. '40

## NESHOBA COUNTY

### ANNUAL DUES

Mr. R. William Anderson '98
Steve '78 and Pam Breland '78
Harry '57 and Ruth R. Carter '51
Mr. Tommy L. Dearing '68
Ms. Terri Donald '82
Ms. Jessica Eakes '02
Mrs. Barbara N. Ellingburg '51
Mrs. Ollie Fay Wood Flint '48
Mrs. Gaynell M. Gentry '68
Mrs. Edna R. Adams Hufford '37
Mr. Thomas J. Madison '00
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence V. Mitchell '41
Mr. Kent Moore '82
Mrs. Dayna Morgan '84
Mr. Joe Mulholland '55
Glenn '78 and Debra Nicholson '78
Kenneth '60 and Pat Posey '60
Larry '58 and Phyllus Vowell Robinson '59
Mr. Billy Sharp '56
Mr. John Green Stokes '61
Mrs. Elaine Thomas '37
Mrs. Tanya Watkins '04
Mr. Sid C. Williams '76
Mr. Rayford Williamson
Mr. Shelby C. Williamson '52

### LIFETIME DUES

Mrs. Betty C. Barnett '60
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hardy '57
Mrs. Judy Clark Mason '71
Mr. Bob Posey '82
Mr. Clint Smith '59

### UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Shelton E. Bounds '49

## NEWTON COUNTY

### ANNUAL DUES

Mrs. Nan Anderson
Rusty '67 and Bettye Barnett '72
Ms. Stephanie Baskin '96
Ms. Emily Boggan '01
Ms. Natalie Boggan '01
Roger '62 and Ann Burkes '63
Mrs. Verneria Faye Chapman '99
Mr. Kelly Cluff
Mr. Jimmy Dempsey
Dr. Lee '93 and Becky L. Eady '95
Mrs. Thedra L. Ezelle '46
Mrs. Etna Jean Gray '53
Richard and Mary Jo Harris '52
Jason '00 and Melanie Harrison '01
Mrs. Lynn R. Hayes '75
George and Sara Heard
Mr. Carl Hollingsworth '59
Burl '75 and Denise Johnson '74
Mrs. Lurleene B. Ledlow '37
Carl E. '68 and Laura T. Mason '68
Mr. Billy Mayes '78
William R. and Betty J. Mott
Mrs. Sue Rowzee Persons '65
Mr. Malcolm C. Phillips '48
Mrs. Alice Pouncey
Mr. Tommy Sanders '48
Mr. Jimmy C. Sibley '62
Bill '60 and Barbara Sue Simkins '56
Dr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Smith '63
Mrs. Rebecca H. Smith '36
Mr. Dan Steverson '76
Reginald '42 and Mamie Alice Thames '47
Mr. C. B. Thompson '76
Mr. Hancel H. Thorne '43
Mrs. Laura Thorne '89
Mrs. June H. Tobelman '48
Terry '72 and Rita Tullos '67
Ms. Jacqueline Veenstra '04
Mr. Elton D. Wall '56
John '54 and Sara Williams '56
Mr. Jack H. Winstead '56

### LIFETIME DUES

Roger '70 and Darlene Davis '76
Mrs. Helen McMahen '36
Mr. John Thrash '54

### UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS

Decatur Lions Club
Mr. Artie Foreman '90
Mr. Bobby R. Gaines '67
Mrs. Melanie Gilmore '77
Mrs. Beth Milling Graham '78
Chad '92 and Dr. Nicole F. Harrison '92
Joe '83 and Teri Killens '84
Johnnie F. '53 and Sara W. May '51
Mrs. Lori Luke '81
Mrs. Polly Mayes '80
Mrs. Joyce Pearson '73
Mr. Bill Rowzee '37
Mrs. Jeanette B. Thrash '58

## SCOTT COUNTY

### ANNUAL DUES

Mr. Billy Frank Alford '60
Mr. Jimmy Brown '92
Mr. Charlie Cox '79
Mr. Eugene L. Culpepper '42
Mr. Otis Ray Davis '60
Mr. Alexander Ealy '79
Mrs. Natalie R. Gibbs '7
Mr. Jerry S. Hamm '03
George and Brenda Hubbard '63
James '59 and Louise Johnston '59
Mr. Thomas Langford '4
Mr. W. L. Latham, Jr. '5
Mr. Billy R. Lovett '57
Mrs. Arlene Monk '95
Mrs. Mary Ann H. Pickens '99
Mr. Paul Pryor '91 & '97
Mrs. Beverly B. Rhodes '
Ms. Margie Ann Stephens '97 & '02
Mr. W. H. Stevens
Mr. Joe Tadlock '71
Mr. Dequency Townsenc
Mr. Donald Triplett '55
Joe '78 and Dorothy M. Vance '78
Ms. Kimberly N. Weems
Ms. Wendy Williamson '

### LIFETIME DUES

Mrs. Carole Leach '62
Mrs. Vivian Partain

## WINSTON COUNT

### ANNUAL DUES

Mrs. Junie L. Fuller '56
Keith '58 and Linda Hudson '59
Ms. Joellen Johnson '77
Ms. Jordan Elizabeth Kirk '04
Mr. Willie Patrick Macor
Mr. Drew Massey '03
Mrs. Maxine Estes McCool '47
Mr. Roy L. Roberts '47
Guy B. '49 and Dorothy Young '48

### LIFETIME DUES

Mrs. Jane Warner Luke '

## OUT-OF-DISTRIC

### ANNUAL DUES

Mr. Billy J. Alderman '6(

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**ECCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS Fiscal Year 2005 (Continued from Previous Page)**

Mrs. Sandy G. Alexander '85
Gary S. '69 and Liesa J. Allen '77
Mr. Murray Allen '52
Thurman '57 and Nancy L. Alley '68
Mrs. Lenore Parker Ambrose '54
Mrs. Judy Marshall Anderson '65
Mr. Brent Bailey '90
Dr. Linda Smith Barron '62
Mr. Hilton Baucum '58
Mr. Terry Beckham '70
Dr. Carl E. Beeman '55
Mrs. Helen Ann Usher Beeman '52
Mr. Billy E. Blount '47
Ms. L. Sherie Bradford '98
Mr. Forest M. Breazeale '41
Mr. W. Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
Mrs. Dianne Crapps Brunt '72
Mr. Lewis B. Burgett '49
Mrs. Faye McAdory Burkes '71
Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Burt '71
Mr. Irvin D. Callahan '54
Mrs. Linda T. Cleveland '62
Dr. Pam Duett Compton '78
Mr. Mike Cook '66
Mr. Michael R. Cooper '89
Mrs. Pamela S. Cotten '77
Mrs. Mary Evelyn R. Craft '48
Mr. Paul H. Craft '62
Mrs. Teresa Lepard Crosby '84
Mr. William E. "Bill" Davis '52
Mrs. Paula H. Dickson '75
Mr. Cyrus Doe '04
Mr. Joe Douglas '82
Dr. Eddie '75 and Andee Taylor Duett '75
Mrs. Suzanne Barnett Eady '76
Jason '99 and Leslie Brackeen Eason '99
Mr. Jerald P. Everett '64
Mr. Otis Farmer '64
Dr. R. Travis Ferguson '55
Mrs. Minnie M. Fields '54
W. Malcolm Flanagan, Ed.D. '54
Mr. Walter L. Floyd '76
Mr. Clarence E.

Bobby '66 and Glenda Fulcher '70
Mrs. Johnnie S. Gaddis '62
Charles '57 and Lee Ann Germany '57
Mr. Rodrigo Gonzalez '62
Mrs. Tonya Moore Graham '92
Mr. George E. Graves '68
Mrs. Nancy Haggard '58
Mr. Timothy C. Hamil '78
Mrs. Betty Tadlock Haney '65
Mrs. Joy Eichelberger Hannah '85
Mrs. Nancy Wall Harmon '72
Norman '47 and Miriam Harris '47
Mrs. Polly Pearson Haynes '56
Mr. Millard L. Henley '95
Mr. Max G. Herrington '46
Mrs. Lela A. Ladner Hester '92
Charles and Marie Hinson '84
Mr. Donny K. Hopkins '57
Ms. Mary Ellen Hopson '92
Ken '91 and Michalle Humphries '91
Ms. Renae Irby '02
Mrs. Euner G. Johnson '53
Col. Isham M. Johnson '41
Mrs. Margaret S. Johnson '53
Mrs. Patsy C. Johnson '52
Mrs. Tina Davis Jordan '92
Mrs. Sandy Keenan '68
Mr. Winston Kidd '84
Mrs. Sandra S. Kuykendall '57
Mr. Eugene P. Langston '49
Mrs. Jennye Ledlow '67
Mr. Percy E. Lee '39
Mr. Dan W. Lewis '56
Mr. James D. Lowery '56
Mrs. Mary P. Mallard '64
Mrs. Jeanette Diane Mallory '67
Mrs. Frances T. Martin '40
David '92 and Chasity Martin '92
Mr. Bob M. Massey '58
Dale E. "Bud" Mayo '63 and Sylvia L. Blount Mayo '64
James Burnard '58 and Carolyn Marshall McCraney '58

McKenzie '49
Mrs. Debora W. McMahon '88
Mr. Samuel A. McNeil '55
Mrs. La Hara Ledlow Medlock '63
Mr. Clyde Mills '58
Mr. James C. Monroe, Jr. '37
Mr. Charles W. Mooney '57
Mr. Jeff Neal '88
Dr. Laura R. Nelson '95
Mrs. Katherine Foreman Newton '62
Mrs. Martha James Nolan '74
Mr. Charles L. Parks '52
Mrs. Juanita Gary Peavy '54
Ricky '77 and Sarah M. Peebles '74
Mr. Chris Perry '83
Ms. Elon Mitchell Phillips '51
Mrs. Barbara H. Pounds '52
Mrs. Helen Marie Reeves '52
Mr. Dan Rhodes '72
L.N. Rhodes, Jr. D.D.S. '54 & Mrs. Charlotte Snowden Rhodes '54
Mrs. Gina Buntyn Riley '89
Mr. Joe Rivers '58
Mr. Sam Roberts '62
Mrs. Anne L. Rouse
Mr. Clyde D. Shaw '55
Mr. Al Shelby '62
Mrs. Dina Minter Smith '04
Mr. Ken Stidham '63
Mrs. Madeline McKay Strahan '54
Mr. George Presley Tate, Jr. '88
Mr. J. Michael Thomas '67
Mrs. JoAnn Thomas '58
Mrs. Nicole Gibbs Thomas '90
Mr. Michael Thompson '01
Dr. Jerry '67 and Diana L. Turner '68
Mrs. Bettie R. Vermilya '50
Mr. William Waldrip '64
Mr. Reginald Welch '77
Dr. Clyde V. Williams '57
Mr. Don Williams '62
Mr. Joe H. Williams '55
Mr. Henry Wilson '64
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ward Winter '37
Mrs. Becky Jolly Wood '74
Mrs. Loris Majure Woods '38

**LIFETIME DUES**

Mr. Jerry Allie '57
Dr. Harold Aycock '64
Mr. Jacky Blackburn '67
Paul '65 and Voncile Breazeale '65
Thomas R. '64 and Marlynn Ward Gaines '63
Major General Elbert E. Harbour, Ret. '50
Mrs. Phyllis A. Hatch Harbour '52
Kreg '83 and Lorri Henry '82
Dr. John G. '57 and Elsie Johnson Hollingsworth '58
Mr. Mike Howle '72
Ms. Lucy Hurst '78
Mrs. Sonya Elinor Wood Marcase '51
Mr. Sherrell Marshall '60
Mrs. Evelyn R. McGaugh '41
Dr. Mike McMullan '83
Houston W. '54 and Maxine C. Patrick '61
Honorable Samac Richardson '68
Mrs. Sherri Whinery Sanders '70
Mrs. Annie Scardaci '47
Mrs. Sue Cook Smith '59
Mr. Warren Trest '52
Mrs. Anne B. Winstead

**UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Reed '94 and Yancey M. Harrington '94
Mr. James V. McCullouch '47
Mrs. Wanda Comans McCullough '71
Mrs. Hilda Grafton McRaney '44
Mr. George H. Moore '64
Mr. Charles L. Parks '52
Ms. Elon Mitchell Phillips '51
Mr. Buford Posey '48
L.N. Rhodes, Jr. D.D.S. '54 & Mrs. Charlotte Snowden Rhodes '54
Ralph E. '50 and Nancy H. Rives '51
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97
Dr. Gerald W. Walton '54
Dr. Sandy Rivers Weeks '64
Mr. Enoch Lloyd Youngblood, Jr. '50

## ECCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
### Fiscal Year 2005

Bill Lovett '57 – President

Lynn Russell Hayes '75 – Vice President

Florence Harkins '81 – Secretary

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin – President, ECCC

Dr. Lavinia Sparkman – Vice President for Instruction, ECCC

Joe Killens '83 – Vice President for Student Services, ECCC

Sylvia Bush '69 – Vocational-Technical Counselor, ECCC

Tony Kinton '67 – 2004-2005 Faculty Club President, ECCC

Brian Sibley – 2004-2005 SBA President

Paul Chamblee '75 – Leake County Representative

John King '90 – Neshoba County Representative

Dayna Morgan '84 – Neshoba County Representative

Ann Hunter Burkes '63 – Newton County Representative

Chris Collins '87 – Newton County Representative

Pat H. Cleveland '68 – Scott County Representative

Bob Tom Johnson '63 – Scott County Representative

Jerry L. Hill '69 – Winston County Representative

T.J. Jennings '70 – Winston County Representative

Cheryl L. Comans '81 – Out-of-District Representative

Tamara Lois "Tam" Cooper '92 – Past President & Out-of-District Representative

James Vance '57 – Out-of-District Representative

Steve Quinn '74 – Past-President

## *SIFE Wins Regional Competition*

The East Central Community College SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) organization, after presenting a report of its year-long community outreach projects, was recentl named a SIFE USA Regional Champion in the overall competition and a finalist in the HSBC Education Trust a the Corporate, Investment Banking and Markets Division of the HSBC SIFE USA National Personal Financial Success Skills Competition and SIFE USA Business Ethi Competition sponsored by Campbell's and Sealed Air. The team will now advance to national competition at th SIFE USA National Exposition May 22-24 in Kansas Cit Missouri. Team members include (front row, from left) Latisa Stewart of Philadelphia, Albertina Laster of Fores and Krystle Hunter of Louisville; and (back row, from left) SIFE advisor and Sam Walton fellow Wanda Hurley of Union, Kyle Gordon of Morton, Heath Manning of Philadelphia, Brandon Harris of Forest and Eric Beckhar of Philadelphia.

# Alumni:
# Send Us Your News

***P.O. Box 129***
***Decatur, MS 39327***
***sholling@eccc.edu,***
***bjohnston@eccc.edu or***
***mmcleod@eccc.edu***

# Please Help Find These Alumni!

The Alumni Office does not have a current mailing address for the following alumni and friends of the College. If you have any information regarding their whereabouts, please e-mail Stacey Hollingsworth at sholling@eccc.edu or call her toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 (within Mississippi) or call 601-635-6327. Thank you for your help!

***Lost alumni are listed alphabetically by their last known address (state first, then city).***

## Alabama

Billy Jack French '73
Bay Minette
Martha Smith
Birmingham
Krystal Arnold '99
Clanton
Charles Stroud '64
Demopolis
Janice Stroud '65
Demopolis
Harry McLemore '65
Fairhope
Jarvis Lymon '03
Foley
Wendy Schuerr Wofford '84
Huntsville

## Arkansas

George Walton '65
Jonesboro

## California

Regina Evans '40
Chico
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The alumni and friends listed below have made their committments to the C lege. Now it's your turn to make your tax-deductible gifts to the Annual Fund. Come join the others who are members of the "Investors in Excellence" Gift Cl

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# Mark Your Calendar!!!!

## ECCC Homecoming
## Saturday, October 15, 2005

Homecoming activities are being planned for 2005, and we invite you to join us.

Reunion groups for this year include: all Classes ending in "5", Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959; and the Alumni Band and Centralettes. East Central will also be recognizing and honoring the 1954-1955 and 1955-1956 football teams on their 50th Anniversary. If you would like to help in finding your fellow classmates, please contact the Alumni Relations Office toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 or call 601-635-6327 or email us at sholling@eccc.edu.

There will be a ceremony at 9:30 a.m. to open the ECCC Memorabilia Room in the Burton Library. The room will house a sizeable collection of items related to the history of the College. Efforts to renovate the room have been made possible by donations from ECCC alumni, friends, faculty, and staff. Thanks to your efforts the College will be able to preserve the history of East Central.

The "Between Fences" exhibit will also be open for viewing during homecoming activities in the Associate Degree Nursing Building. "Between Fences" is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and Mississippi Humanities Council. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the U.S. Congress.

You are also invited to the luncheon at 11:30 a.m. At the luncheon, Homecoming honorees will be recognized including Alumnus of the Year, Alumna of the Year, Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees, Academic Instructor of the Year, and Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. The deadline to nominate homecoming honorees is July 1, 2005. Nomination forms are available in this issue of the *Warrior* magazine and online (go to www.eccc.edu and click on the Foundation and Alumni Relations link).

There will also be a football game at 2:30 p.m. at Warrior Field.

## 2005 Homecoming Reunion Groups

- All Classes Ending in "5"
  (1935, 1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005)
- Classes of 1957, 1958 & 1959
- 1954-55 and 1955-56 Football Teams
- Alumni Band and Centralettes

We invite you to campus to relive memories of your youth with friends and classmates. Specific information about when and where your group will meet will be mailed to you this summer. So make plans now to join us!

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# EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## 2005 NOMINATION FOR ALUMNUS/ALUMNA OF THE YEAR *

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended, Graduated EC:_____

Address:_____

Phone (w)_____(h)_____

High School Graduated From:_____ County_____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From_____ Years_____

Work Experience:

| Place | Position | Dates |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
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| | | |

Contributions to College/and to Community:_____

_____

Professional Affiliations and Honors:_____

_____

_____

Family:_____

Spouse:_____ Maiden Name_____

Did spouse attend EC ___ Yes ___ No, If yes, Years Attended/Graduated_____

Children & Ages:_____

Attach additional information, if needed.

Return to: Alumni Association
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327-0129
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Name (of Alumnus/Alumna submitting nomination)
_____Maiden_____
Address_____
_____
Phone (h)_____ (w)_____
Years attended/graduated EC_____

**Deadline: July 01, 2005**

***Applications are good for two consecutive years. Additional info about nominees is encouraged. Attach info this form. Selection is based primarily on print materials received.**

**EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
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**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ***

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended_____ ECCC Graduation Date:_____

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Phone: (work)_____(home)_____

High School:_____County_____

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Attach additional information if needed.

Return to: Alumni Association
East Central Community College
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Decatur, MS 39327-0129
601-635-2111, ext. 327

Name (of person submitting nomination)
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Years attended/graduated EC_____

**Deadline: July 01, 2005**

***Applications are good for two consecutive years. Additional info about nominees is encouraged. Attach info to this form. Selection is based primarily on print materials received.**

# Class Of 1964 Endows Scholarship

The ECCC Class of 1964 celebrated their 40th year anniversary during Homecoming activities on campus, October 9, 2004.

Class members who attended Homecoming unanimously approved the establishment of an endowment fund to support a scholarship. The endowment will be referenced as "The Class Of 1964 Endowment Fund."

Jerald P. Everett, who was selected as the Class of 1964 Endowment Fund Coordinator/Facilitator, said, "I appreciate the interest and loyalty of those who have already made their tax deductible contributions to the fund.

"This Endowment gives us an opportunity to give something back to ECCC for the support received during the early years of educational and emotional development. Just think, long after we are gone, some financially needy student will be benefiting from our gifts."

All 1964 class members are encouraged to participate by making contributions to the fund. Contributions should be mailed to the ECCC Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327 Attn: Stacey Hollingsworth.

For more informaiton, contact Hollingsworth, Administrative Assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 (within the state of Mississippi) or call 601-635-6327. You may also e-mail her at sholling@eccc.edu. All contributions to the Endowment Fund are tax deductible.

Letters requesting contributions to the fund will be mailed to all members of the Class of 1964. Please contact Hollingsworth should you have addresses, phone numbers, or e-mails for the following 1964 class members:

Johnny Edwin Allen
Barbara Vermelle Andrews
Lonnie C. Barrier
John Neal Barron
Bonnie Virginia Booth
Gaines Andrew Brown
James Paulding Brown
Kenneth E. Burton
Janice Clay
James Doyle Cleveland
Walter Thomas Cockrell
Roger Lee "Butch" Cox, Jr.
Billy Lamar Cullen
Carol Lee Culpepper
Doris Jean Davis
Peggy J. Davis
Sara Anne Douglas Benninger
Sarah V. Edwards
Elizabeth Everett
Sandy K. Faulkenberry
Judith Ann Faulkner
Mary Nell Fox
William W. Fulgham
Roselyn K. Gallman
Dixie S. Garris
Shirley A. Gibbs
Clarence R. Grant
Johnny Spivey Green
Alex Gordon
Paul T. Hales
Kenneth E. Hanna
Jimmy Al Hardy
Larry G. Harrell
Isaac Phillip Harris
Bettye P. Harrison
William Henderson
John A. Hodge
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Daniel Horton
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Mary Elois Lovern
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Joseph L. Pittman
George E. Posey
Earnest Pritchard
Audray H. Putman
Jean Risher
William Michael Ross
Betty Roundtree
Calvin E. Sikes
Glenn D. Smith
Kenneth W. Smith
Thomas F. Stevens
Larry W. Tanner
Bertram Thompson
Carol Ann Turner
Gloria Ann Turner
James F. Watson
Judy Ann Weaver
Garth Westcott
Freddie L. White
Judith White
Evelyn White
David W. Wiggins
Charles Young

*Members of the East Central Community College Class of 1964 who attended Homecoming activities and recently initiated the "Class of 1964 Endowment" included (seated, from left) Linda Comans Shaw of Mobile, Ala.; Kay Chaney Smith of Union, Susan Boggan Seale of Philadelphia, Sandy Rivers Weeks of Commerce, Texas; and Mary Margaret Parks Mallard of Enterprise; and (standing, from left) Otis Farmer of Atlanta, Ga.; Johnny Caldwell of Pearl, Henry Wilson of Meridian, John Boutwell of Clinton, Harold Aycock of Greenfield, Calif.; Bill Lea of Ridgeland, Jerald Everett of Clinton. Also pictured is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.*

# ECCC to Host 'Between Fences' Exhibit

The "Between Fences" exhibit is a Museum on Main Street project. This project is a partnership program between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Mississippi Humanities Council.

The purpose of the exhibit program is to bring exhibitions and humanities programs to rural communities giving them the opportunity to view exhibits that they may otherwise never have an opportunity to see. Six host sites have been selected for the state of Mississippi, and include Decatur (East Central Community College), Greenwood, Tupelo, Brookhaven, Horn Lake, and Starkville.

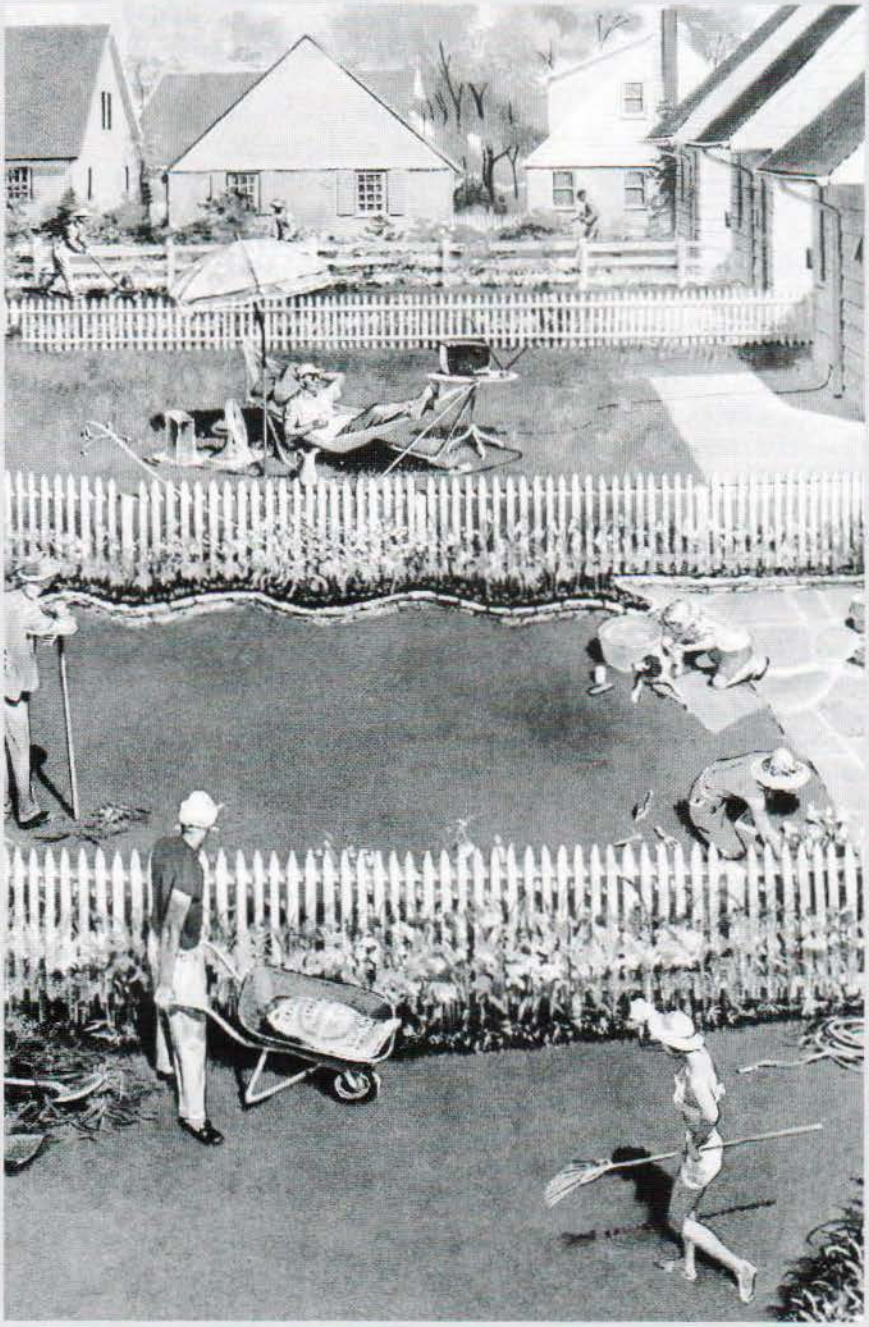
The exhibit will be located on the campus of East Central Community College in the Associate Degree Nursing Building from September 14, 2005 to October 18, 2005. A special opening event is being planned for Wednesday, September 14, 2005.

"Between Fences" focuses on every region of the United States. Its subjects include the defining of home, farm, and factory; the settling of the United States; the closing of the range in the South; and the making of fences. It examines human relationships on an expanding scale; neighbor versus neighbor; gated communities; and the Mexican and Canadian borders of the U.S.

The exhibition tells American stories through diverse fence types (examples: the worm fence, the picket fence, & the chain link fence). The "Between Fences" exhibit will enlighten audiences who live surrounded by these familiar objects whose history and meaning they hardly suspect.

East Central's goal in hosting the exhibit is to inform the current generation of the past and to give them an opportunity to develop an appreciation for the humanities.

In addition to objects and images relating to the exhibition stories, fence materials will include tools, photographs, and publications including product literature, journals, postcards, and posters.



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# ECCC Warrior Golf Classic Se
# June 4 at Forest Country Club

The annual Warrior Golf Classic has a new home for the 2005 event, but the top prize remains the same: scholarships for area students to attend East Central Community College .

Sponsored by the College's Alumni Association, the fourth annual tournament will be held Saturday, June 4 at Forest Country Club.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun start for the four-person scramble.

Awards will be presented to the corporate team winner and the top three teams in each flight. Various on-course prizes are also available and door prizes will be presented to each participant.

Bill Lovett of Forest, Alumni Association president, said committee members decided to move the tournament from its previous location - the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw - so other golf courses in the five-county district could have an opportunity to host the fundraising event.

"The Dancing Rabbit courses are among the best in the country, but we thought it was time to start having the tournament at other area courses so more people will have an opportunity to participate. Since it costs less to have the tournament at Forest, we are able to pass on those savings with lower fees," Lovett stated.

Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, said the fee for an individual player is $85, which includes green fee, breakfast, box lunch, T-shirt and a door prize. The fee for cart rental is $15 per player. There is no charge for golfers who provide their own carts.

Hollingsworth said corporate sponsorships are available on various levels. Gold Sponsorships are $550, which includes a hole sponsorship and fees for one four-person team. A Silver Sponsorship is $350 and includes a hole sponsorship and fees for two players. Also available are hole sponsorships for $150.

Proceeds from the one-day tournament will help fund scholarships for ECCC students residing in Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

Hollingsworth said a record $8,700 was raised i the 2004 event, with $2,8( provided for scholarships. The remaining $5,900 went into the endowment fund, which now totals approximately $8,500.

Scholarship winners ar announced at the annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held in May.

For more information contact Stacey Hollingsworth, administra assistant, Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 o call toll free, 1-877-462-32 ext. 327. The email addre sholling@eccc.edu.

## 4th Annual Warrior Golf Classic

**Gold Corporate Sponsors**

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*Hole Sponsor $150 (Hole Sponsor only)*

# In Memory

## Martha Tullos Hummel

### (Class of 1958 • 1939-2004)

On September 29, 2004, East Central Community College lost one of its most loyal alumna. Martha (Kate) McBryde Hummel, 65, died of respiratory failure at the Greenwood LeFlore Hospital. A year earlier she had undergone surgery for a brain tumor.

A native of Choctaw county, Martha graduated from Louisville High School in 1956 and entered East Central junior College on Sept. 3 of that year. She received an A.A. Degree in Secretarial Science from East Central in the spring of 1958.

While maintaining a 4.0 average in her academic courses, Martha was active in the choir, girls' chorus and band. She also appeared in dramatic productions and was a member of several campus organizations. She is remembered by her former teachers and classmates as a vivacious, energetic and outgoing individual. Her scholastic ability and popularity are attested to by the fact that she was elected to the East Central "Hall of Fame" and was voted a Class Favorite.

While at East Central, she traveled with the college choir and performed as a soloist, including a performance in Miami at the 1958 meeting of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. Her theater performances at East Central included appearances in plays both her freshman and sophomore years. She also was employed as a student secretary in the Social Sciences Department.

Martha had made her home in Greenwood for almost 30 years and was a civic-minded and involved citizen of the town. She was particularly interested in the arts, especially music. She took an active role in the musical programs in her church and in the community. As part of the Greenwood music community, she was president of a group known as "Matinee Musicale," and she also directed "Harmony," an ensemble which traveled and performed throughout the state.

In St. John's and First United Methodist Churches, in addition to participating in the music programs, she held positions of leadership.

The Greenwood Little Theater considered Martha one of their most talented and dedicated members. She came to the Greenwood stage in the 1970s and was known for her willingness to take both large and small roles in both musicals and dramas.

After a particularly outstanding performance as Kate in Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate," she became known in Greenwood as both "Martha" and "Kate." For the remainder of her life, she answered to both names. She performed on countless occasions in Greenwood and elsewhere, contributing not only her talent but an ever present optimism.

Martha's long time Greenwood friend Mary Deaton said of her, "For years Martha was the sparkplug that kept things going in the Greenwood Little Theater. She was never unrealistic, but she would work harder than anyone else to make things work."

Several years ago, Martha decided that the East Central graduating classes of 1957, '58, and '59 should have a yearly reunion at homecoming. With the help of some of her classmates, she planned the reunion and contacted members of the classes, inviting them to a reunion. Class members from all across the country attended, some traveling from places as distant as Florida and California.

The class reunion became a tradition. Each year the reunion is held the night before homecoming, and up until she became ill, Martha made certain that invitations were mailed and food provided. The reunion group each year contributes to the East Central Foundation Scholarship Fund. At the 2004 reunion, the group made their contribution in memory of Martha who had passed away the week before homecoming.

Martha's lifelong friend and East Central roommate, Nancy Peterson Haggard recently spoke of Martha's great love for East Central and the friends she made while a student at the college. "East Central was Martha's college, and her two years there remained in her mind as among the happiest times of her life. She stayed in touch with everyone, both former teachers and classmates, and was genuinely interested in the progress the college has made. Her interest in the college never waivered."

After moving to Greenwood, Martha married Don Hummel, a civil engineer. Although Hummel's work sometimes necessitated the couple being away from Greenwood, they returned to Greenwood to retire.

Martha is survived by her husband; two sons, Andrew McBryde of Moultrie, GA.; and Robert McBryde of Greenwood; two stepsons, Bradley Hummel of Aliso Viajo, CA; and Jeffery Hummel of Baton Rouge, LA; a sister Patricia T. Turner of Greenwood; a brother Tony Tullos of McComb; and three grandchildren.

Martha Hummel will be remembered by her classmates as a friend and as someone who was a loyal supporter of East Central Community College. Martha's husband Don has established a scholarship at East Central to be given in her memory. The scholarship will go to a student majoring in music. Martha's love of music will live on through these students.

### *Charles R. Blount*

Charles R. Blount, 56, died Wednesday, October 13 at his residence in Madison. Services were held on Saturday, October 16 at the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church in Madison.

Mr. Blount was a native of Decatur and a resident of Madison. He was a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and has received his master's degree at Mississippi State. He worked for 20 years as Health Administrator for Mississippi State Department of Health.

He was a board member of the Mississippi Public Employee Credit Union and a member of the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Manning Blount of Madison; son, Charles R. (Bob) Blount and wife Amanda of Huntsville, Ala.; daughter, Sundi Hunsucker and husband Ken and their children, Erin and Emily, all of Decatur; sisters, Mary Logan of Newton, Doloros Thomas and husband Tim of Decatur; brothers, Billy Blount of Laurel, John Blount of Decatur; and numerous family members, nieces and nephews.

### *Kristi Blount*

Services for Kristi Blount, 31, were held Saturday, February 26, 2005, at Sebastopol Baptist Church with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Mrs. Blount died Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at Hospice In His Hands in Madden.

She was active in school and church activities with her family and was a member of Sebastopol Baptist Church. Until her illness, she was studying to become a nurse at East Central Community College.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel Blount of Sebastopol; one son, Danny Blount; one daughter, Sarah Blount; her mother, Sherry McLaughlin and husband, Mike, of Rosebud; father, Kenneth Boykin, and wife, Nelwin, of Starks, La.; paternal grandfathers, Nick Boykin of Union and James Anderson of Sebastopol; three sisters, Kacie Atkins of Madisonville, Texas; Karla Beckham of Huntsville, Texas; and Kasondra Boykin of Starks, La; and one brother, Kyle "Bud" Boykin of Sebastopol.

### *Dr. Charles Neil Cannon*

Services were held September 15, 2004 at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church for Dr. Charles Neil Cannon. Dr. Cannon, 80, died on Saturday September 11, 2004 in Neshoba County General Hospital where he was a member of the medical staff from 1970 to January 2001 when he retired.

Dr. Cannon was born in Neshoba County in 1924. He graduated from Linwood High School in 1942. Immediately after graduating, he joined the Army Air Force where he served for two years. After spending the war years in England and Miami Beach, Fla., he attended East Central Junior College in Decatur for two years.

Dr. Cannon received a bachelor of science from Mississippi Southern in Hattiesburg in 1950 and a Master of Arts degree in school administration from Mississippi Southern in 1952.

He then taught school for five years before deciding to enter medical school. Dr. Cannon received a medical doctor degree from the University of Mississippi Medical College in 1961. He went to Duval Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla. for a one-year internship and two years residency in surgery. In March 1964, Dr. Cannon moved to Folkston, Ga. where he served as a physician until returning in January 1970 to Philadelphia where he continued his medical practice.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Cannon of Philadelphia; three sons, Dr. Ron Cannon of Brandon, Mark Charles Cannon, and Joshua Charles Cannon, all of Philadelphia; three daughters, Marsha Cannon of Georgia, Candayce Valerio and Juliann Cannon, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; four grandsons; three granddaughters; one sister, Imogene Ladd of Philadelphia; and one brother, Harold Cannon of Philadelphia.

### *Jack J. Donald Sr.*

Jack J. Donald, Sr., 74 of Morton, died Friday November 12, 2004, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Services were held Monday November 15, 2004 at Morton United Methodist Church with burial in Morton Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Donald was a native and lifelong resident of Morton. He was a member of Morton United Methodist Church and was a graduate of Morton High School, East Central Junior College, and Mississippi State University. Mr. Donald had a good and long military career serving in the United States Army during the Korean War. He served with the 40th Combat Infantry Division and received the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Award while serving in the Korean War. He served fulltime with the Mississippi Army National Guard in Morton for eight years. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and of the V.F.W. Webb Memorial Post #497 in Forest.

He is survived by his wife Ailene Donald of Morton; daughters and sons-in-law Sandy and Tracy Arinder and Debbie and Burnham Stokley, all of Morton; son and daughter-in-law Jack and Rhonda Donald of Brandon a sister, Beatrice Stevenson of Morton, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

### *Dr. James Doyle Eaves*

Funeral Services for James Doyle Eaves, 62, where held on Friday October 22, 2004 at Calvary Baptist Church. Burial was in Oktibbeha Memorial Park. Mr. Eaves died Tuesday, October 19, 2004 in an auto accident in Louisville

A native of Louisville, he owned Eaves Animal Hospital in Starkville for 37 years. Dr. Eaves was a graduate of Louisville High School, East Central Junior College, Mississippi State University, and received a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree from Auburn University.

Dr. Eaves was actively involved with the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and an active member and supporter of the MSU Bulldog Club. He also served as treasurer of the Oktibbeha County Economic Development Association.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Tucker Eaves of Starkville; two sons and their wives, Clint and

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Shannon Eaves of Jackson, and Chad and Natalie Eaves; Daughter-in-law Vickie Eaves of Decatur, AL; two sisters, Clara Rogers of Louisville and Janice Gee of Thibodaux, La.; one brother, Dr. Glen Eaves of Knoxville; and two granddaughters, Kristin and Valerie Eaves.

### *Joshua Shane Ellis*

Services for Joshua Shane Ellis, 29, were held Tuesday, April 5, 2005, from the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Home. Dr. Wayne Hill officiated. Burial was in Salem Cemetery in the Burnside Community.

He was a native and lifelong resident f Neshoba County. He was a carpenter and did construction work. Mr. Ellis graduated from Neshoba Central High School and East Central Community College. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Deana Ellis of Philadelphia; three sons, Zeke Ellis, Abe Ellis and Eli Ellis, all of Philadelphia; parents, Carl and Becky Ellis of Philadelphia; one sister, Carley Eillis of Philadelphia; and his paternal grandmother, Bonnie Ruth Ellis of Philadelphia.

### *James Charles "Jim" Galloway*
### *Annie E. Buntyn Galloway*

James Charles "Jim" Galloway, Sr., 78,, died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, after an extended illness. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Annie Elizabeth "Liz" Buntyn Galloway, 73, who died at their home on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, after a brief illness. Joint services were held Friday, March 4, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Columbus with burial in Memorial Gardens.

Jim and Liz were both natives of Union. Prior to attending East Central Junior College and Mississippi State University, Jim served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. The Galloways married on June 9, 1951 in Union.

They moved to Columbus in 1957, where Jim was employed as a tool and process engineer for American Bosch, which later became United Technologies. He retired after 35 years. Liz worked for American Glass and later West Realty before deciding to focus her attention on serving her Lord, her family and her friends.

The Galloways were charter members of Wesley United Methodist Church and continued to actively serve there.

They are survived by their sons, Jimmy (Pam) Galloway of Columbus; Rick (Shirley) Galloway of Baton Rouge, La.; and Larry (Connie) Galloway of Covington, La.; and 10 grandchildren.

Mr. Galloway is survived by his brother, Thomas Galloway of Natchez. Mrs. Galloway is survived by her mother, Ida George Hanson Buntyn of Gulfport; her brothers, James Robert Buntyn and Dr. Larry Ross Buntyn, both of Gulfport; and her sister, Ida Nell Stamper of Borrego Springs, Ca.

### *John William Gregory*

Services for John William Gregory, 77, were held in Guatemala City, Guatemala on Sunday, February 13, 2005. He died Saturday, February 12, of respiratory failure.

A native of Louisville, Mr. Gregory was retired from the United States Embassy American School for Boys in Guatemala. Before moving to Guatemala, he retired from the University of Georgia, where he was an assistant football coach and counselor.

A graduate of Louisville High School, Gregory attended East Central Community College where he was a member of the 1946-47 and 1947-48 football teams. He later transferred to the University of Idaho where he also played football. He was also a veteran of the United States Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Aortencia Gergory of Guatemala City, Guatemala; a son, John Mark Gregory of Guatemala City; two daughters, Susan McLellan of Houston, Texas; and Jenny Alter of Washington, D.C.; a brother, David Larry Gregory of Louisville; a sister, Elenor Fordyce of Byhalia; and five grandchildren.

### *Karen Bounds Hamilton*

Karen Bounds Hamilton, 4, died Friday, March 25, 2005, at her home from complications of diabetes. Services were held Monday March 28 at James F. Webb Funeral Home in Newton. The REvs. Curtis Cain and Tom Sorerell officated.

A native of Mobile, she was a lifelong resident of Newton. She was a grduate of Leake Academy andreceived a design degree from Bauder Fashion College. She attended East Central Community College and later earned a degree in nursing from Meridian Community College.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Hamilton was employed by the Mississippi State Department of Health. She was a member of Newton United Methodist Church and was involved in many civic and professional organziations.

Survivors include Fred Hamilton of Newton; a daughter, Heather Hamilton Taylor, and her husband, Jonathan, of Meridian; and a brother, Bo Bounds and his wife, Kaki, of Laurel.

*Coyt Leon Hogue*

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Coyt Leon Hogue, 86, a retired auto mechanics instructor at East Central Community College, died Monday December 20, 2004 at his residence. Services were held Thursday December 24, 2004 at Wilcox Funeral Home with burial in Damascus Cemetery near Sebastopol. Mr. Hogue was a native of Leake County and served as an honorary Deputy Sheriff for Harrison County and an honorary Colonel under Gov. Cliff Finch.

Survivors include his son, Larry Hogue of Flowood; stepson, Hamilton Sirls of Titusville, Fla.; daughter, Carolyn Appler of Elizabethtown, Ky; a special friend, Maee More of Ocean Springs; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

### *Nannie Louise Latimer*

Services for Nannie Louise

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Latimer were held Sunday, November 28, 2004 from the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Home with burial in Cedarlawn Cemetery. Mrs. Latimer, 89, died Saturday, November 27, 2004 in her home in Philadelphia.

She was a native of the Cleveland community in Kemper County and a graduate of East Central Junior College in Decatur and Blue Mountain College.

Mrs. Latimer was a retired schoolteacher, where she taught in both the Philadelphia and Neshoba County Schools. She was active in the Retired Teachers Association, Futura Club and the Sewing Club. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church and a member of the Be Active Live Longer group.

Survivors include one daughter Nan Latimer Norton of Alexandria, La; two sons, Ike Latimer and William Latimer, both of Philadelphia; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### *Jane Luke*

Jane Warner Luke, 88, a retired school teacher and homemaker, died Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at Winston Medical Center. Services were held on Saturday January 22, 2005 at Middleton Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery

A Winston County native, she was a graduate of East Central Community College and Mississippi State University. She was a schoolteacher for over 30 years and was a member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband, Argie F. Luke; two daughters, Martha Dawn Parkes of Louisville, and Margaret Donna Luke of Philadelphia, MS; four grandchildren;10 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

### *Ronald "Jim" McLain*

Ronald "Jim" McLain, 58, co-founder of McLain Mechanical Contracting, died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at his residence. Services were held Monday, March 7 at McClain-Hays Funeral Home with burial in McLain Chapel Cemetery.

A Neshoba County native, Mr. McLain attended Neshoba Central High School, East Central Community College and Mississippi State University. He served with the Mississippi National Guard and was a long-standing member of McLain Chapel Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce McLain of Philadelphia; one son, Scott McLain of Philadelphia; and two granddaughters; his father, John McLain of Philadelphia; an identical twin brother, Ralph McLain of Columbus; and brother Kent McLain of Philadelphia; and a sister, Francis Sodders of Philadelphia.

### *Edwin Wallace Miley*

Edwin Wallace Miley (Class of 1966), 58, of Philadelphia, died Monday, September 27, 2004, at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served in Vietnam. He was also a retired butcher and teacher.

Survivors include his daughter, Courtney Elliott of Athens, TN; a son, Jarred W. Miley of Starkville; his mother, Maggie Lou Miley of Philadelphia; and a brother, Royce J. Miley of Brandon.

### *Silas O'Neal*

Funeral services for Silas O'Neal, Sr., 65, an Ofahoma farmer and longtime educator, were held December 30, 2004 at Wesley Memorial Funeral Home, with burial in New Hymn Baptist Church Cemetery in Pinola.

A native of Mayersville, he was a graduate of Piney Woods County Life School and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from McPherson College in Kansas. While at McPherson, he was on the football team and won many athletic awards including Most Valuable Player for two consecutive seasons.

After graduation, he returned to Piney Woods County Life School, where he coached and taught for five years. During his tenure there he led championship teams to titles in basketball and baseball. He then moved his family to Leake County, where he taught, coached and was assistant principal at Thomastown Attendance Center.

### *Jeffie L. Scoggin*

Services for Jeffie L. Scoggin, 69, of Brandon were held Saturday, March 12, 2005 at Ott & Lee Funeral Home chapel with burial in Hickory Cemetery.

Mr. Scoggin died March 10, 2005, at the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery V.A. Medical Center in Jackson.

A native of Decatur, Mr. Scoggin graduated from East Central Community College in 1956 and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. He attended Park Place Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Scoggin; a daughter, Lisa Scoggin; a grandchild Kyle Scoggin, of Brandon.

### *Kent Spence*

Kent Spence, 46, a professional photographer died Sunday, April 3, 2005 Mississippi Baptist Medica Center in Jackson. Service were held Wednesday, April 6, at McClain-Hays Funeral Home with burial in Linwood Cemetery in Neshoba County. The Rev Jeff Mann and Dr. Mike Smith officiated.

Mr. Spence was a native of Newton County and a logtime residen tof Neshoba County. He was a professional photographer and was owner of KeepSak Photography in Philadelphi He was a member of the MS/AL Professional Photographers Association and was a member and acti deacon at Linwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Spence of Philadelphia; daughter, Chesney Kayla Spence of Philadelphia; mother, Mari Spence of Decatur; a sister, Melesia Reed of Decatur; and maternal grandmother, Eloyce Chesney of Mendenhall.

### *Laurel G. Weir*

Laurel G. Weir, 76, an attorney, died Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at Jeff Anderson Regional Medica Center in Meridian. Service were held Friday January 14, 2005 in the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Hor with burial in Eastlawn Cemetery. Dr. Dan Howard officiated.

A native of Walnut Gro he spent most of his life in

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*Laurel G. Weir*

Neshoba County. He was a graduate of Philadelphia High School and attended East Central Junior College. He received his law degree from Jackson School of Law. Upon receiving his law degree, he was the youngest attorney admitted to the Mississippi State Bar Association at the age of 21. He was a licensed and practicing attorney for 55 years, practicing in Neshoba County and throughout the state of Mississippi.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, MS, where he taught Sunday school for many years. He was a Master Mason, Shriner, member of Order of the Eastern Star, and Woodmen of the World.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Quida Mae Weir, and six children, Laurel Thomas Weir (Joyce), William Gill Weir (Stacie), Melissa Burnett, and Stephanie Partridge (Mike), all of Philadelphia; and Susan Clark Cook (William) of Vestavia Hills, AL and Sandra Barrett of Ocala, FL. He is also survived by his sister, Alice Weir Lovorn of Philadelphia; 15 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

### *Bernard Walton*

Bernard Walton (Class of 1939) died in July of 2004.

### *Margaret Rivers*

Mrs. Margaret Rivers Williamson (Class of 1938) of Madison, MS passed away on August 14, 2004.

Her daughter wrote that her mother "very much enjoyed her years of college at East Central. She had fond memories of her time there many years ago. She often would tell me of experiences and friendships she had at East Central."

### *Andy Woods*

Andy Woods, 54, died Friday, March 18, 2005 in his home. Services were held Sunday, March 20, at First Baptist Church in Louisiville with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Woods was a graduate of Louisville High School and East Central Community College. He was the owner and operator of The Tailored Man for 25 years, served on the Louisville Board of Aldermen and was Mayor of Louisville for eight years. He was currently owner of Andy Woods Realty.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly DePriest Woods; two daughters, Spring Woods of Birmingham, Ala., and Amber Woods of Louisville; one son, Andrew Woods of Louisville; his parents Clarence and Mavis Woods of Louisville; and one sister, Cathy Kiningham of Inlet Beach, Fla.

### *Katherine B. Wright*

Katherine Bailey Wright, 78 of Brandon, died Saturday, December 4, 2005, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland. Services were held Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at Baldwin-Lee Funeral Home in Pearl with graveside services in Ellisville City Cemetery.

A retired teacher, Mrs. Wright taught in Mississippi colleges for 38 years, including 17 years at East Central Junior College. She was a member of the Woman's Progressive Club, Alpha Delta Kappa, Brandon Lioness Club, and Greetettes of Wahabi Temple. She was a member and past queen of the Daughters of the Nile of Wahabi Temple, member and past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and member of Brandon Baptist Church. Her husband, Dr. Charles V. Wright, Sr, former president of ECCC, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, JoAnn W. Sanders of Brandon; sons, Dr. Charles V. Wright, Jr. of Amarillo, Texas and David L. Wright of Palm Springs, Calif.; sisters, Bobbye N. Butler of Pearl and Ruth B. Frazier of Brandon; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### *Myrna Denson Young*

Myrna Denson Young, 97, a retired dormitory mother at East Central Community College, died Sunday, January 16, 2005, at Carthage Health Care Center. Services were held on Tuesday January 18, 2005 at Tuscola Baptist Church with burial in Tuscola Cemetery.

A native of Tuscola, she was a member of Tuscola Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Lott of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister, Doris Burchett of Tuscola; and three granddaughters.

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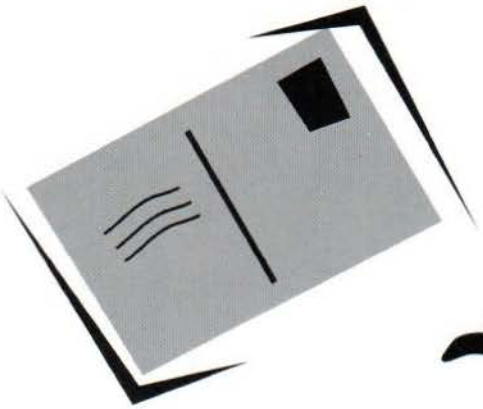

# We Get Letters...

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Marlynn (former Marlynn Ward of Philadelphia, MS) and I both attended East Central (EC) during school year 1962-63 ar I also attended during 1963-64. We married following completion of our freshman year at EC and Marlynn worked full time until I completed my undergraduate work in 1966 at the University of West Alabama (formerly Livingston State College). She later completed her undergraduate work at Mississippi State while I was coaching high school football at Philadelphia High School. I played football at ECCC and at UWA.

We are the parents of three sons – Kevin, Kip, and Kyle – all of whom reside, as do we, in Gwinnett County, Georgia, a major suburban county in Metro Atlanta. We have lived here since moving from Fayetteville, North Carolina in 1978.

I retired from the University of Georgia (UGA) in September 2003, while serving as Interim Director of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. Prior to that post, I served as Deputy Director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government; Manager of State Government Training; and Director of the Georgia Certified Public Manager Program, all during my 14 years at UGA. Prior to my appointment to the UGA public service faculty, I was director of a Georgia state government agency for over eight years. I incorporated my current training and consulting enterprise immediately following my retirement from UGA. Marlynn retired from the Gwinnett County School System in May 2004, while serving as Chair of the Business Department at Dacula (Georgia) High School. She currently assists me in my business and also devotes quite a bit of time to our six grandchildren.

Marlynn holds a masters degree in Business Education and an Education Specialist Degree. I have a masters in governmental administration and a doctorate in public administration.

Thomas R. Gaines (Class of 1964)
President, The Institute for Leadership and Ethics, Inc.

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

Thank you so much for the mementos of our 50th Class Reunion (1954). I was unable to attend, but I do appreciate the effo put forth by your staff to contact everyone and make this a memorable time for us.

I enjoy The Warrior magazine and look forward to this upcoming issue.

Sincerely,
Juanita Gary Peavy '54
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# *Just Having A Little Fun!*

Spring thunderstorms provided the perfect playground for these East Central Community College softball players who found a little time between practice and classes to have some fun in the mud! Pictured are (from left) Lindsey Smith of Neshoba Central, April Boyd of Adams County Christian, Jennifer Smith and Joy Cavenaugh, both of Newton County; and Marley Smith of Union.

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